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Stalin asks other CMs to join JAC on delimitation

T.N. CM seeks representatives from southern States, Odisha, Punjab, and Bengal; he proposes the first meeting of the committee in Chennai on March 22 to 'chart our collective course forward'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Drumming up support from Chief Ministers and former Chief Ministers of States likely to be affected by the delimitation process, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin invited them to join a Joint Action Committee (JAC), in a letter on Friday. Despite the gravity of the issue, the Centre has provided "neither clarity nor any concrete commitment" to address States' concerns, Mr. Stalin said.

Besides the southern States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana, Mr. Stalin also hoped to include Odisha, Punjab, and West Bengal in the JAC. As an "initial step towards unified action", the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister proposed an inaugural meeting in Chennai on March 22 to "chart our collective course forward."

> This issue transcends individual State concerns — it strikes at the heart of our federal principles... We must jointly develop alternatives that preserve our current representation in percentage terms
>
> **M.K. STALIN**
> Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

"I believe this issue transcends individual State concerns – it strikes at the heart of our federal principles. Together, we must examine the constitutional, legal, and political dimensions of this challenge. We must jointly develop alternatives that preserve our current representation in percentage terms," Mr. Stalin contended in his letter.

Unified advocacy is needed to secure a delimitation process that "honours our role in nation-building without compromising our current level of representation," Mr. Stalin said, asking each of his invitees to nominate a senior representative from their parties to serve on the JAC.

High stakes

"This moment demands leadership and collaboration, rising above political differences, and standing up for our collective good. What is at stake is not any abstract principle – it is our States' ability to secure rightful resources for development, to influence crucial policies, and to ensure our economic priorities receive due attention in the national agenda," Mr. Stalin said.

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Karnataka Budget balances between growth and welfare

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Attempting a balance between economic development and social welfare, particularly on the uplift of women and children, the 16th State Budget Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented in the Legislative Assembly on Friday clearly showed that the guarantee-led model formed the core philosophy of the Congress government.

The overall Budget strategy seems to be aimed at enabling private sector investment while concentrating the State's resources on the poor and the needy to ensure equitable distribution of wealth.

Among other things, it set aside a whopping ₹1,56,117 crore for women and children-centric programmes, 38% of the total Budget outlay. The Budget provided financial support for five guarantees (₹51,034 crore) for achieving an

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah arriving in a wheelchair at the Vidhana Soudha to present the State Budget, in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

No new taxes

The Budget announced no new taxes, except to increase the professional tax payable by salary and wage earners from ₹200 to ₹300 for February to align with the maximum limit of ₹2,500 a year.

Karnataka joined the elite club of States with the Budget size of over ₹4 lakh crore (₹4,09,549 crore) for the first time this year.

Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu have already crossed the Budget size ₹4 lakh crore.

Like the previous Budget, the 2025-26 Budget has a revenue deficit, pegged at ₹19,262 crore. The borrowing is pegged at ₹1,16,000 crore, which is 28% of the Budget size.

For the betterment of the low salaried class, the Chief Minister proposed a slew of hikes in the monthly honorarium of guest lectures, ASHA and anganwadi workers, cooks working in government schools, Jain priests, chief grantis of Sikhs and Pesh-Imams of mosques, and archakas of temples. For promoting women SHGs, the Budget proposed to set up Akka Cooperative Society in the State and 'Akka café and canteen' in district and taluk panchayat offices. It has proposed to provide 8% interest subsidy for loans up to ₹1 lakh for registered street vendors.

Interestingly, as legislators are constantly seeking funds for development of their constituencies, the Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Programme has been proposed in the Budget with ₹8,000 crore, focusing on minor irrigation, roads and urban infrastructure in all Assembly constituencies.

Rate of growth

On a positive note, the Budget pointed out that the farm sector registered a growth of 4% in 2024-25, after clocking a negative growth of 4.9% in 2023-24.

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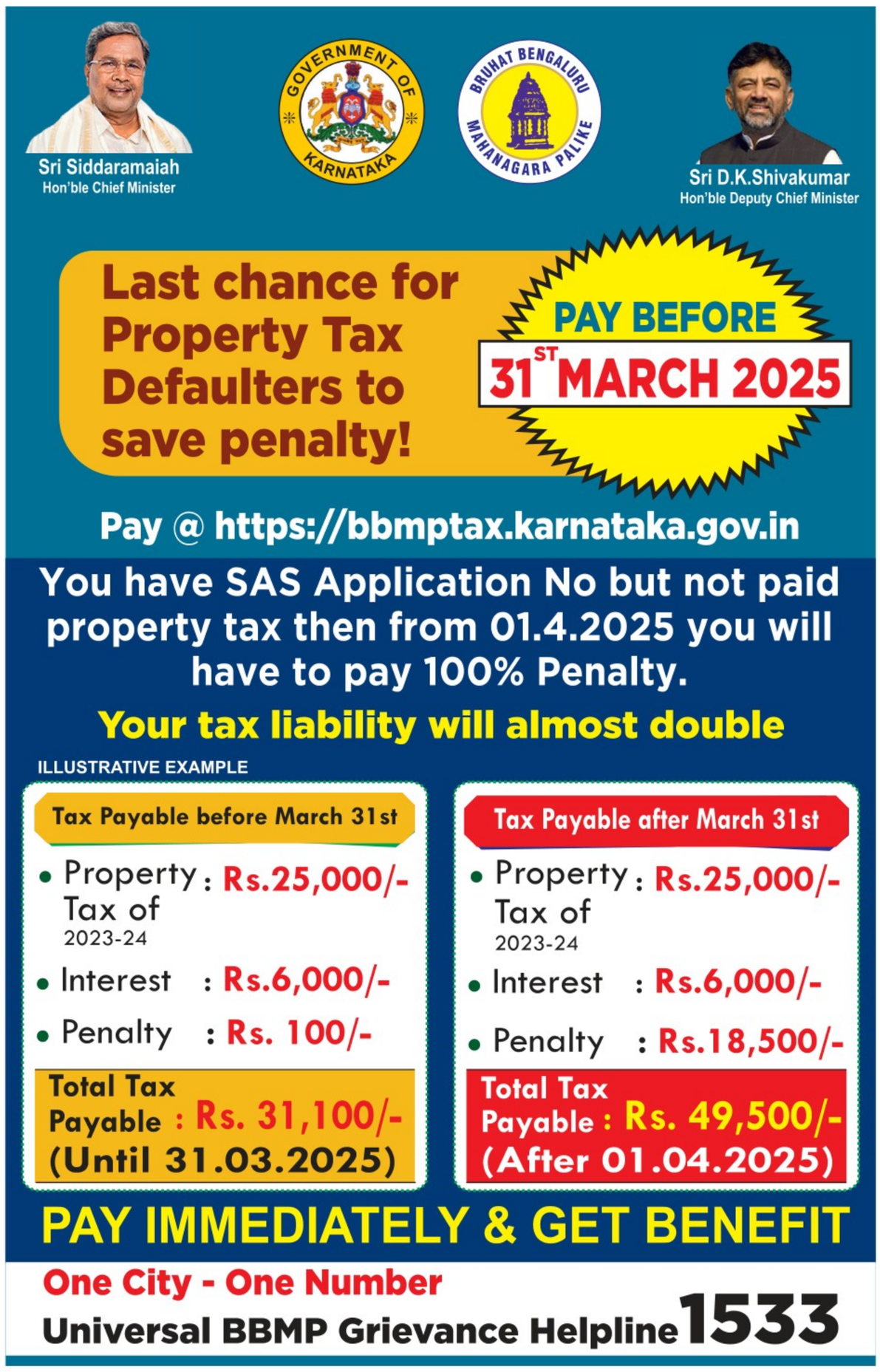
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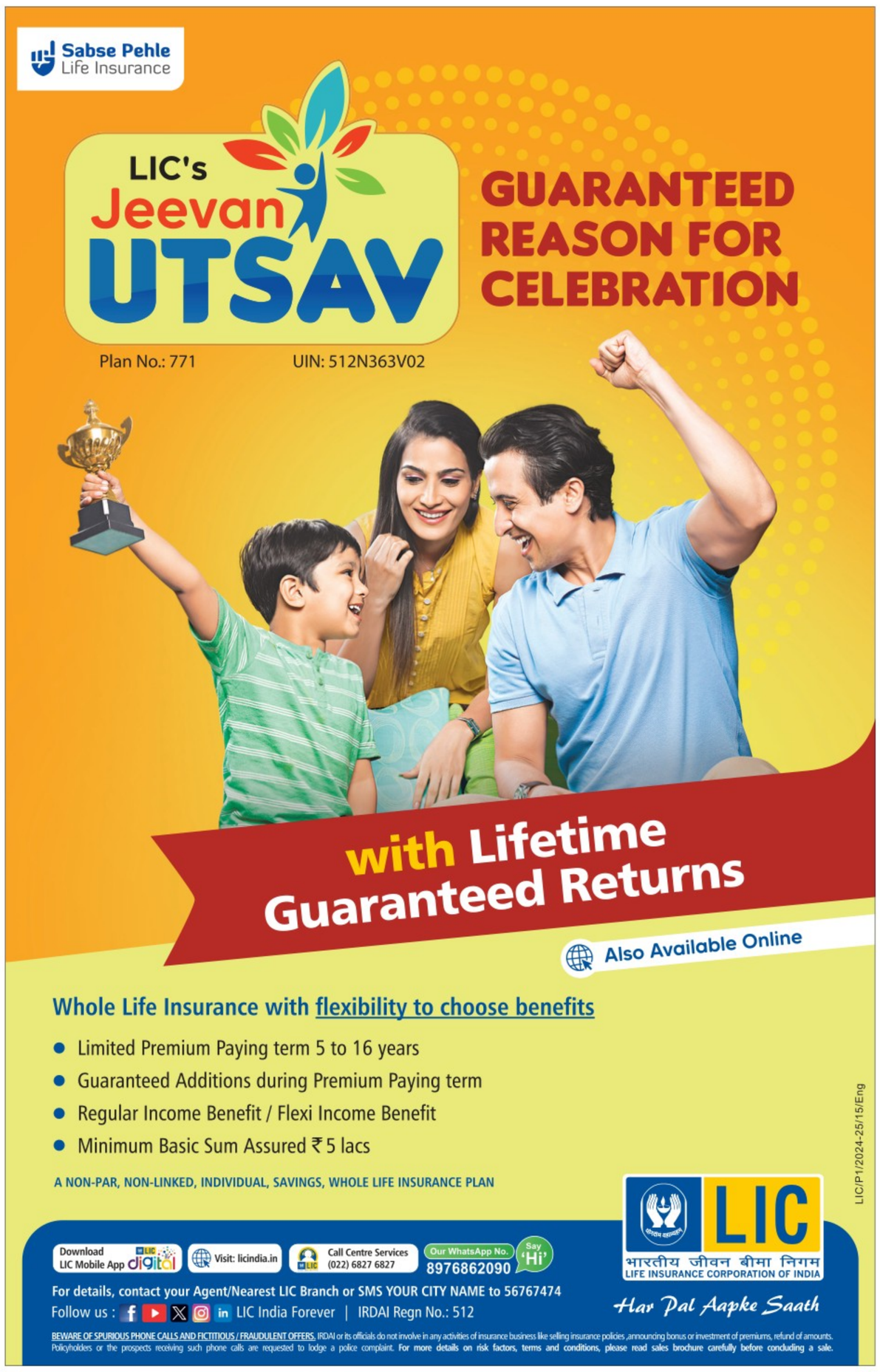
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‘Not everyone in franchise cricket is desperate to be at his best — that is a mentality I eradicate as coach’

In this conversation, Shane Watson talks about his coaching philosophy, the challenges of persuading the body to play Masters games after retirement, the importance of mental health, his time in the IPL and the reasons behind M.S. Dhoni’s longevity at Chennai Super Kings

INTERVIEW

Shane Watson

Amol Karhadkar

Two World Cups. IPL titles with multiple teams. Franchise-cricket coach. And mental health advocate and expert. Shane Watson takes pride in every phase of his professional life on and around a cricket field. The burly all-rounder, currently representing Australia Masters in the International Masters League, opened up on various facets of cricket. Excerpts:

Why does mental health matter so much, especially at the highest level?

It matters across all aspects of our life and not just at the highest level. I only got taught this in 2015, so right towards the back-end – I had retired from Test cricket and One-Day cricket – and then I applied these mental skills from 2016 onwards. It’s changed my life. It turned me around from being about to retire to then, over the next four years or so, having some of the best performances in my career.

Now the people that I teach this information to, or who read my book (*The Winner’s Mindset*) or learn it through my online course (shanewatson.au), are having the same impact. They are finally understanding that we are actually in control of our thoughts and want to take control, have the right thoughts at the right time to be able to access all those skills that we spend so much time developing.

How different would Shane Watson’s career have been if you had been made aware of these aspects earlier?

I get asked that question quite a lot, and it’s interesting because from a results perspective, I had a lot of very good results throughout my career. And we can’t control results, even though we’d love to control results, we can’t. So I am not sure if the results would have been any different. I am confident they would have been, but I am not sure. When it comes to dealing with performance, stress, anxiety and worry in the lead-up to games or a big series or a big tournament and then after a performance didn’t go well, there is no doubt that things would have been very different. I wouldn’t have had anywhere near as much performance anxiety.

> [In the early years,] the IPL was a valve to release the pressure that was starting to accumulate within the world game. It really did take a lot of the heat out of international cricket

Just like the T20 ecosystem, there seems to be a mushrooming of Masters leagues. Can you elaborate on how challenging it is to do the daily drills all over again?

One of the biggest reasons why most players retire is because of the constant sacrifices and discipline that you got to have to be at your best. That’s where a tournament like the Masters League comes up. For me, it was to be able to put on a good show. I love getting out in the middle a couple of times a week. But then my biggest challenge, and the biggest challenge for most guys now who don’t play, is not so much the skill of batting or bowling. It’s more so just getting your body up and running to manage the workload increase.

So from a workload perspective, which innings was more taxing? The hundred against West Indies Masters or the one in the 2018 IPL final at the Wankhede Stadium?

(Laughs) The 2018 final was a bit more mentally challenging. It being such a big game with CSK coming back into the IPL after a two-year hiatus, and also then how I started off from a batting perspective, [it] was a very slow start. So, 2018 I’d say definitely, but physically, it’s certainly more of a challenge to manage my body [now]. But gosh, the 2018 final, those memories of that whole day, that whole evening and after, is something that I’ll cherish forever.

Is it more likely for you and M.S. Dhoni to play in the IML together or for you to make a comeback in the IPL and play with him?

I don’t think any of the above are going to happen. MSD still is going incredibly well, it’s amazing. It just shows the incredible skill that he has got. Knowing that he is not playing – he is obviously training a lot, but he’s not playing any games up until the IPL – and for him just to have that world-class skill available to him with the gloves, and you see his role has changed, but to be able to come in [with] 10 balls to go and hit sixes... that is not easy to do in any stage of your career. He can keep going in the IPL for a number of years. If he’s going to then move into Masters, I don’t think he needs to go down that route.

PTI

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During the 2008 edition, did any of you envision that IPL would change the global cricket landscape forever?

I do remember it being like a celebration of world cricket. To think that we were a part of something like the IPL, no one envisioned it being a game-changer or something like that. There were some tensions that were starting to boil over within the world game at that time, whether it’s between Australia and India, Australia and South Africa. This was a valve to release the pressure that was really starting to accumulate within world cricket.

All the players who are part of it really did start to understand and get to know people as human beings away from the pressure cooker of international cricket. They are having a great time on and off the field. It was certainly important to play well, but it wasn’t as high stakes as it got to. After a few years, it just became ‘we have to win, no matter what’. Things certainly turned a corner a little bit, probably from year four onwards. But it really did take a lot of the heat out of international cricket, which was really important.

Let’s talk about your coaching journey. How different is it coaching in leagues in the USA and Pakistan compared to the IPL?

There’s not a huge differentiation, to be honest. The factors that play the biggest roles, from my perspective, are the owners that you are working with and building the right relationship [with them]. Being able to be on the exact same page is critically important.

The other challenge is the players. There are so many franchise leagues around. Not everyone there is desperate to be at their very best and do everything they can to give the team the best chance of winning the tournament. Players can be in cruise-control, they still get paid the same amount whether you make the finals or not. So some throwaway lines... ‘I am going to have an extra week’s holiday because my team’s missed out on the finals’... which is certainly something that I eradicate from the team environments that I am around.

And I love that challenge as a head coach. To make sure that mentality is not around in a team environment because that’s where mediocrity does start to come in and if I am going to be involved in a franchise, I want to help create a high-performance environment where players are pushing the limits.

> Gosh, the 2018 final, those memories of that whole day, that whole evening and after, is something that I’ll cherish forever

STACKING UP

ATP Men’s Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	23	11,330	16
2	Alexander Zverev	27	8,135	22
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	7,510	18
4	Taylor Fritz	27	4,900	22
5	Casper Ruud	26	4,045	25
6	Daniil Medvedev	29	3,930	20
7	Novak Djokovic	37	3,900	19
8	Andrey Rublev	27	3,480	28
9	Stefanos Tsitsipas	26	3,405	23
10	Alex de Minaur	26	3,335	23
11	Tommy Paul	27	3,330	20
12	Ben Shelton	22	2,880	24
13	Holger Rune	21	2,820	23
14	Jack Draper	23	2,810	20
15	Grigor Dimitrov	33	2,745	19

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 132 ▼ 1 spot

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 444 ▲ 4 spots

WTA Women’s Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	26	9,076	20
2	Iga Swiatek	23	7,985	17
3	Coco Gauff	20	6,333	21
4	Jessica Pegula	31	5,251	18
5	Madison Keys	30	4,679	19
6	Jasmine Paolini	29	4,518	18
7	Elena Rybakina	25	4,328	19
8	Emma Navarro	23	4,009	25
9	Qinwen Zheng	22	3,780	20
10	Paula Badosa	27	3,746	22
11	Mirra Andreeva	17	3,720	18
12	Daria Kasatkina	27	3,116	24
13	Diana Shnaider	20	2,908	28
14	Danielle Collins	31	2,823	17
15	Karolina Muchova	28	2,734	16

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 294 ▼ 2 spots

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 301 ▲▼ No change

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Liverpool	28	20	7	1	66	26	40	67
2	Arsenal	27	15	9	3	51	23	28	54
3	N. Forest	27	14	6	7	44	33	11	48
4	Man. City	27	14	5	8	53	37	16	47
5	Chelsea	27	13	7	7	52	36	16	46
6	Newcastle	27	13	5	9	46	38	8	44
7	Bournemouth	27	12	7	8	45	32	13	43
8	Brighton	27	11	10	6	44	39	5	43
9	Fulham	27	11	9	7	40	36	4	42
10	Aston Villa	28	11	9	8	40	45	-5	42
11	Brentford	27	11	5	11	48	43	5	38
12	Crystal Palace	27	9	9	9	35	33	2	36
13	Tottenham	27	10	3	14	53	39	14	33
14	Man. United	27	9	6	12	33	39	-6	33
15	West Ham	27	9	6	12	32	47	-15	33
16	Everton	27	7	11	9	30	34	-4	32
17	Wolves	27	6	4	17	37	56	-19	22
18	Ipswich Town	27	3	8	16	26	57	-31	17
19	Leicester City	27	4	5	18	25	61	-36	17
20	Southampton	27	2	3	22	19	65	-46	9

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	26	18	3	5	71	25	46	57
2	Atletico Madrid	26	16	8	2	43	16	27	56
3	Real Madrid	26	16	6	4	55	25	30	54
4	Athletic Bilbao	26	13	9	4	44	23	21	48
5	Villarreal	25	12	8	5	48	35	13	44
6	Real Betis	26	10	8	8	34	33	1	38
7	Rayo Vallecano	26	9	9	8	28	27	1	36
8	Real Mallorca	26	10	6	10	25	32	-7	36
9	Real Sociedad	26	10	4	12	23	27	-4	34
10	Celta Vigo	26	9	6	11	38	40	-2	33
11	Osasuna	26	7	12	7	32	37	-5	33
12	Sevilla	26	8	9	9	31	36	-5	33
13	Girona	26	9	5	12	34	39	-5	32
14	Getafe	26	7	9	10	21	21	0	30
15	Espanyol	25	7	6	12	24	36	-12	27
16	Leganes	26	6	9	11	23	38	-15	27
17	Las Palmas	26	6	6	14	30	44	-14	24
18	Valencia	26	5	9	12	28	44	-16	24
19	Alaves	26	5	8	13	29	40	-11	23
20	Real Valladolid	26	4	4	18	17	60	-43	16

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Inter Milan	27	17	7	3	60	25	35	58
2	Napoli	27	17	6	4	43	22	21	57
3	Atalanta	27	16	7	4	59	26	33	55
4	Juventus	27	13	13	1	45	21	24	52
5	Lazio	27	15	5	7	49	35	14	50
6	Bologna	27	12	11	4	42	33	9	47
7	Fiorentina	27	13	6	8	42	28	14	45
8	Roma	27	12	7	8	42	30	12	43
9	AC Milan	27	11	8	8	39	30	9	41
10	Udinese	27	11	6	10	34	37	-3	39
11	Torino	27	8	10	9	31	32	-1	34
12	Genoa	27	7	10	10	25	35	-10	31
13	Como	27	7	7	13	33	43	-10	28
14	Verona	27	8	2	17	27	56	-29	26
15	Cagliari	27	6	7	14	27	42	-15	25
16	Lecce	27	6	7	14	18	43	-25	25
17	Parma	27	5	8	14	32	46	-14	23
18	Empoli	27	4	10	13	23	44	-21	22
19	Venezia	27	3	9	15	22	41	-19	18
20	Monza	27	2	8	17	21	45	-24	14

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	24	19	4	1	72	20	52	61
2	Leverkusen	24	15	8	1	55	28	27	53
3	E. Frankfurt	24	12	6	6	50	37	13	42
4	Mainz	24	12	5	7	39	25	14	41
5	SC Freiburg	24	12	4	8	34	36	-2	40
6	RB Leipzig	24	10	8	6	39	33	6	38
7	Wolfsburg	24	10	7	7	48	38	10	37
8	M'gladbach	24	11	4	9	38	35	3	37
9	Stuttgart	24	10	6	8	42	37	5	36
10	Dortmund	24	10	5	9	45	38	7	35
11	FC Augsburg	24	8	8	8	27	35	-8	32
12	Werder	24	8	6	10	36	49	-13	30
13	Hoffenheim	24	6	7	11	31	46	-15	25
14	Union Berlin	24	6	5	13	20	37	-17	23
15	St Pauli	24	6	3	15	18	29	-11	21
16	Bochum	24	4	5	15	23	47	-24	17
17	Holstein Kiel	24	4	4	16	35	59	-24	16
18	Heidenheim	24	4	3	17	27	50	-23	15

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	895	932
2	Harry Brook	876	898
3	Kane Williamson	867	919
4	Yashasvi Jaiswal	847	854
5	Steve Smith	823	947
6	Temba Bavuma	769	769
7	Kamindu Mendis	761	779
8	Travis Head	748	884
9	Usman Khawaja	739	847
9	Rishabh Pant	739	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	908	908
2	Kagiso Rabada	837	902
3	Pat Cummins	824	914
4	Josh Hazlewood	818	864
5	Nathan Lyon	812	812
6	Noman Ali	806	806
7	Marco Jansen	785	803
8	Matt Henry	782	782
9	Prabath Jayasuriya	751	801
10	Ravindra Jadeja	745	899

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Shubman Gill	791	847
2	Babar Azam	770	898
3	Heinrich Klaasen	760	760
4	Virat Kohli	747	909
5	Rohit Sharma	745	882
6	Harry Tector	713	767
7	Daryl Mitchell	705	750
8	Shreyas Iyer	702	710
9	Charith Asalanka	694	694
10	Ibrahim Zadran	676	693

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Maheesh Theekshana	680	686
2	Keshav Maharaj	660	741
3	Matt Henry	649	691
4	Bernard Scholtz	641	648
5	Rashid Khan	640	799
6	Kuldeep Yadav	637	761
7	Gudakesh Motie	632	639
8	Mitchell Santner	631	648
9	Shaheen Afridi	619	696
10	Adam Zampa	614	699

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	856	885
2	Abhishek Sharma	829	829
3	Philip Salt	815	881
4	Tilak Varma	804	845
5	Suryakumar Yadav	739	912
6	Jos Buttler	735	756
7	Babar Azam	716	900
8	Pathum Nissanka	714	722
9	Mohammad Rizwan	709	882
10	Kusal Perera	676	786

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Akeal Hosein	707	714
2	Varun Chakravarthy	706	706
3	Adil Rashid	705	747
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	700	809
5	Adam Zampa	694	746
6	Ravi Bishnoi	674	707
7	Maheesh Theekshana	666	686
8	Rashid Khan	664	828
9	Arshdeep Singh	653	679
10	Jofra Archer	649	668

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Revenue Department to undergo several reforms

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Budget also earmarked ₹76 cr. to revamp 36 sub-registrar offices in the city

The Revenue Department has announced a bunch of reforms, including the e-Pauti mission to register the names of legal heirs in land records that have been identified as "dead" during Aadhaar seeding and e-Jamabandi software to speed up the reconciling and streamlining the village and taluk-level land records. The department will also introduce a new e-stamping system, to be implemented through Kaveri 2.0 portal. It will enable citizens to prepare documents in an easy and simple manner.

This will also ensure citizens pay stamp duty directly to the government without any middlemen. Following the recent Distributed Denial of Services (DDoS) attack on the Kaveri 2.0 portal and subsequent issues with the e-Governance Department that has been maintaining the portal, it was announced that the portal will henceforth be maintained by the Revenue Department itself.

Report sought

The department has already sought a report on the vulnerabilities and on how to fix them from the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore.

Land Revenue Act

It was also announced that a "new Land Revenue Act will be enacted after a comprehensive study to provide more clarity for effective implementation at field level". The Budget also earmarked ₹76 crore to revamp 36 sub-registrar offices in the city.

Annual award distribution ceremony today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Kannada and Culture, in collaboration with the Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Pradhikara, will host the annual award distribution ceremony for the Award of Honor for the 2023 and 2024 academic years and the Annual Book Award for 2022 and 2023. It will take place at Ta. Ra. Su. Rangamandira in Chitradurga on Saturday. The ceremony will honor individuals for their exceptional contributions to literary translation.

Deep tech gets a shot in the arm; new IT policy on the cards

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has announced that it will earmark a corpus fund of ₹100 crore for deep tech development in the State.

It also intends to set aside ₹300 crore for a Fund-of-Funds, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced in the Budget on Friday.

The announcement comes against the backdrop of demands for sector-specific and region-specific Fund-of-Funds ever since the launch of the scheme by the Union government in 2016 with a corpus of ₹10,000 crore.

Both initiatives will be introduced under the Local Economy Accelerator Programme, which the government plans to launch to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship in cities other than Bengaluru in the current year with a grant of ₹1,000 crore. LEAP will aim at creating 5 lakh employment opportunities. Under the programme, the government also intends to develop start-up ecosystems in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi-Dharwad and Kalaburagi and set up incubators, accelerators, centres of excellence and Global Technology Centres.

AI centre

During the Budget, the CM also announced that a new IT policy would be implemented in 2025 with the aim of further strengthening the State's presence in the It sector.

"This new policy will not only give emphasis on cloud computing and development of emerging technologies but also expand information technology to tier-2 and tier-3 cities while reinforcing Karnataka's position as a global technology hub," he said.

To make further strides in the field of artificial intelligence, the government is also planning to set up a "Centre for Applied AI for Tech Solutions" with an investment of ₹50 crores over the next five years.

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02	PROVIDING ELECTRICAL POLES AND TRANSFORMER AT FRUITS & VEGETABLE MARKET & CATTLE YARD APMC YARD BASAVA-KALAYANA UNDER ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2024-25	**17,62,910=74 Excluding GST**	44,100=00	As per KPPP	5 ½ Months (Including Monsoon

1) Last Date and time for receipt of tender: **28-03-2025 @ 17:00,** 2) Date and time of opening technical bid: **31-03-2025 @ 17:00**, 3) Date and time of opening financial bid After technical Bid : **15-04-2025 @ 11:00**
Any additional information and condition's contact Karnataka Govt. E-procurement help desk 080-25501216./25501227 And Secretary APMC, Basavakalyan 08481-250356 on all working days
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No. PCKL/ADP/JDP/DDP3/Banking-01/2024-25/7353 DATE: 07.03.2025
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Banking of Power for the period from 01.04.2025 to 30.09.2025 on Short Term Basis.
Power Company of Karnataka Limited (PCKL), on behalf of Five (5) Government Owned Distribution Companies of Karnataka invites bids from Utilities/Traders for supply of **500 MW RTC Power for the period from 01.04.2025 to 10.06.2025 and return from PCKL for the period from 01.07.2025 to 30.09.2025** on Short Term Basis through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) only.
The link for the KPP Portal is available in **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
Bidders are requested to down load the documents **on or after 07.03.2025 through KPP Portal.**
For further details contact the **Additional Director (Projects), Power Company of Karnataka Limited, 5th Floor, #506, KPTCL Building, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560009. Contact Numbers 080-22218930 & 22107490.**
Sd/- Additional Director (Projects) PCKL, Bengaluru

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Corrigendum-2 to Tender Notice No. 51/2024 Dated: 19.12.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items:

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BANGALORE RURAL ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Rural, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore - 560009.
No: EE/PRED/BNG(R)/TND No-36/TS/2024-25 Date: 06.03.2025
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 36/2024-25
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)
Tender is invited on behalf of the Governor of the State of Karnataka for the following works approved under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme-Grey Water Management Unit works under the Government of Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Act and Rules 2000 through e-procurement for the following works approved in the Department of Public Works. Tenders are invited from Suppliers (ZP Bangalore Rural MGNREGA Material Supply enrolled) to Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D, Bangalore Rural, Application for e-tender documents is requested to be submitted through Departmental website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
Last date for submission of completed tenders for the said works **15.03.2025 up to 5.30 P.M.** For further information this office can be contacted during office working hours. and the tender details are available at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website.
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Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
Tel : 080-22215601, 22211246, Fax: 080 22215602
No: DYES/ES/AP/162/2024-25 Date: 06.03.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
Subject: - The Deputy Director (Admn), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender to take up the Work of Upgradation of Rajiv Gandhi taluk Stadium, Madhugiri, Tumkuru District.
Particulars : Upgradation of Rajiv Gandhi taluk Stadium, Madhugiri, Tumkuru District. Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 423.72 Lakhs** EMD : **Rs 6,35,592.00**
Last Date and Time for Submission of bid: **07.04.2025 time 16.00 Hrs,** Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid : **08.04.2025 time 16.31 Hrs.**
The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.
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> **VIJAY AMRITRAJ**

Why India's male players are flocking to doubles — and what it means for tennis in the country

With the singles game gasping for breath, the doubles success has come like oxygen. Over the last three years, seven Indians have won ATP Tour titles and many others have thrived on the Challengers circuit. But can this re-energise the tennis ecosystem and trigger a revival?

N. Sudarshan

On March 1, Indian men's tennis enjoyed a rare moment of glorious sunshine. At the Dubai ATP 500, Yuki Bhambri – alongside Australian Alexei Popyrin – won his biggest doubles crown till date. At the Chile Open ATP 250, Rithvik Bollipalli – partnering Colombian Nicolas Barrientos – claimed his second career title, and at the Bengaluru Open ATP 125 Challenger, Anirudh Chandrasekar – in the company of Taiwan's Ray Ho – lifted his most significant trophy yet.

At a time when the singles game in the country is gasping for breath – World No. 132 Sumit Nagal is the only Indian in the top-400 and the only one to win Challengers in the last three years – the doubles results have come like oxygen.

Stark dichotomy

In the recent four-Challenger home swing, Indian players won a grand total of one singles match. But in doubles, Saketh Myneni, Ramkumar Ramanathan and Niki Poonacha reached finals while Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, Vijay Sundar Prashanth and Anirudh triumphed.

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The latest rankings feature as many as six Indians in the doubles top-100, with another four between 101 and 170. Bhambri and Bollipalli enjoy career-highs of 39 – 18 places behind leader Rohan Bopanna – and 65 respectively. As does Sriram Balaji at 61. Anirudh is up 30 places to 109, 22 shy of his best-ever.

"I feel it is the pathway that has been laid out by Leander [Paes], Mahesh [Bhupathi] and Rohan," Anirudh told *The Hindu* when asked why Indian doubles was doing well. "Indians, I feel, are naturally very skilful. We play on really fast surfaces, develop a net game from a very young age and also serve and volley. The sense of doubles is also very high because we practise it from a very young age."

It is a theory expounded by Bopanna too, as he told *The Tennis Tribe* podcast last year. But possessing the required skill-set – dexterity, supple wrists, better hand-eye coordination, etc. – is just one part of it. Honing it to meet modern-day requirements needs a nurturing environment.

It is here that the Doubles Dream of India programme has helped. Launched in January 2023 by the Pune Metropolitan District Tennis Association with help from industrialist Kishor Patil, and mentored by Bopanna, it has supported players with coaches and physios for at least 25 weeks of the calendar.

Coaches Raven Klaasen (former doubles World No. 7) and M. Balachandran and physios Kiran Kumar and Abhimanyu Singh have taken turns to travel, and with two or three players invariably finding themselves in either the same tournament or in close geographical proximity, a single coach-physio combination can potentially help multiple players.

"The sponsors, Rohan, coaches and the physios in the Doubles Dream programme are all doing a great job," said Bollipalli. "We get to travel with a coach and physio most weeks of the year. It's cost effective and great support. There are a lot of positives and results-wise we are all feeding off each other."

Starting 2022, seven Indians have won Tour-level titles (ATP 250 and above), including Bopanna (seven trophies), Bhambri (four), Bollipalli (two) and Ramkumar (two). In Challengers, 13 Indians have claimed the top prize, including Myneni (12), Bhambri (eight), Balaji (seven), Arjun Kadhe and Anirudh (six each).

Creditable, not extraordinary

It's indeed true that doubles is not as competitive and physically demanding as singles, but the format is pretty fickle, especially outside the four Majors. No-ad scoring (the first point after deuce wins the game) and a 10-point tiebreaker instead of a third set make upsets more likely and consistency hard to achieve. The accomplishments are thus creditable even if not extraordinary.

Among the prime reasons why Indians are flocking to doubles is because the transition from Futures (lowest rung) to Challengers and then to the Tour is not as hard as in singles. Challenger and Tour-level competitions also offer better prize money, and even if the doubles purse is significantly smaller than singles, players believe they can make a living.

In fact, last December, the ATP announced a record $28.5 million in prize money for Challengers in 2025 (singles and doubles), up from $22.3 million in 2024, $21.1 million in 2023 and $12.1 million in 2022. Where in 2022 there were just 20 Challenger 125s and 16 Challenger 100s, 2023 saw a whopping 35 and 41 respectively, and 2024, 33 and 41. Starting 2023, ATP has also added five Challenger 175s to the schedule. Such has been the effect that Bollipalli and Anirudh are now full-time doubles practitioners, despite being just 24 and 26 respectively. There was a time when doubles used to be populated by over-the-hill singles players and those with chronic injuries. But not anymore, for players seem driven by the desire to feature in the biggest tournaments.

Bollipalli made his Slam debut at the 2025 Australian Open while Anirudh has played both the 2024 and 2025 editions in Melbourne. For winning in Chile, Bollipalli earned $17,990. A first-round loss at the Australian Open fetched him nearly $12,500.

"When I was in college [University of South Florida], I had a disk bulge in my lower back," said Bollipalli. "I tried to play a little bit of singles after that but I was struggling to recover. My level in doubles was much better and I thought 'why not give it a shot'. I was already at a rank where I could get into Challengers and that kept me motivated. This year, I have played just Tour events and that's a good thing. This is the real deal and where the tougher opponents are."

The critical question

The larger question, however, is whether doubles deeds can trigger a revival of the sport in the country. They have helped in maintaining the game's footprint, but the legendary Vijay Amritraj is steadfast in his belief that only good singles results – like 15-year-old Maaya Rajeshwaran's stirring semifinal run at the WTA 125 Mumbai Open – can re-energise the whole setting.

"Practically impossible," declared Amritraj, who excelled both in singles and doubles. "You can win in Davis Cup with four singles. But you cannot do it with one doubles. We have everyone play doubles everywhere but we are still not able to win singles in Challengers. That's a big concern."

Amritraj also quipped that there was nothing to stop present-day players from competing in both, despite the sport having become more physically demanding. "When I played, matches were all five sets, even at normal tournaments," the 71-year-old said. "In the National Championships, I played singles semifinals five sets, final five sets and doubles five sets. It is part of the process towards becoming fit and playing long matches.

"Today, only the Slams are five sets [singles]. Doubles is three sets and the third is not even a set. Frankly, the incentive is so great to play singles [$80,000 for a first-round loser at 2025 Australian Open]. If you train really hard, make the top-100 in singles, then top-50 and top-20, doubles would become very easy because you are fit enough to do it. Not the other way around."

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The sharp end of the grid: F1's most successful drivers

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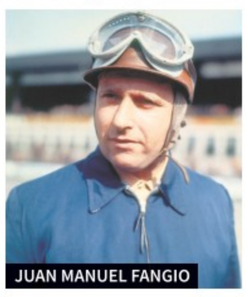
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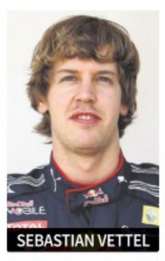
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With a new Formula One season set to begin next weekend in Melbourne, we take a look at some of the most significant all-time driver records in the series' 75-year history:

MOST WORLD TITLES

Driver	Titles	Seasons
Michael Schumacher	7	1994, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
Lewis Hamilton	7	2008, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Juan Manuel Fangio	5	1951, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957
Alain Prost	4	1985, 1986, 1989, 1993
Sebastian Vettel	4	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Max Verstappen	4	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Jack Brabham	3	1959, 1960, 1966
Jackie Stewart	3	1969, 1971, 1973
Niki Lauda	3	1975, 1977, 1984
Nelson Piquet	3	1981, 1983, 1987
Ayrton Senna	3	1988, 1990, 1991

MOST RACE WINS

Driver	Entries	Wins	Win%
Lewis Hamilton	356	105	29.49%
Michael Schumacher	308	91	29.55%
Max Verstappen	209	63	30.14%
Sebastian Vettel	300	53	17.67%
Alain Prost	202	51	25.25%

MOST POLE POSITIONS

Driver	Entries	Poles	Pole%
Lewis Hamilton	356	104	29.21%
Michael Schumacher	308	68	22.08%
Ayrton Senna	162	65	40.12%
Sebastian Vettel	300	57	19.00%
Max Verstappen	209	40	19.14%

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF POLES CONVERTED TO WINS (MIN: 5 POLES)

Driver	Poles	Race wins	Conversion %
Max Verstappen	40	32	80.00%
Emerson Fittipaldi	6	4	66.67%
Alberto Ascari	14	9	64.29%
Fernando Alonso	22	14	63.64%
Jenson Button	8	5	62.50%

MOST PODIUM FINISHES

Driver	Entries	Podiums	Podium%
Lewis Hamilton	356	202	56.74%
Michael Schumacher	308	155	50.32%
Sebastian Vettel	300	122	40.67%
Max Verstappen	209	112	53.59%

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In addition to the prestige of winning, the series offers manufactures real-world relevance and benefits: the work that goes into producing a race car can be harnessed to improve road cars, accelerating advances in design, cross-over technology, performance and safety.

It's no surprise that the championship has attracted many automobile giants — Alpine, Aston Martin, BMW, Cadillac, Corvette, Ferrari, Ford, Lexus, McLaren, Mercedes-AMG, Peugeot, Porsche and Toyota.

The series says 'freedom of design is a key part of [its] appeal', but it must be mentioned that two racing categories have been discontinued because of a decline in manufacturer interest.

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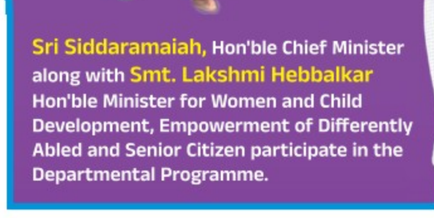

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IKEA goes north

Delhi loves the living room and the outdoors, says a report from the Swedish furniture giant as it begins online delivery across the capital and nine other cities

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The 82-year-old Swedish multinational furniture company and home furnishings retailer, IKEA, had studied Delhi's diversity and consumer behaviour for the past four years before stepping in with e-commerce from March 1.

North India is the country's largest home furnishing market. "The e-commerce approach first helps us to reach more customers faster and also understand their specific needs and preferences while readying our physical stores to make them more locally relevant and efficient," says IKEA India CEO and the Chief Sustainability Officer, Susanne Pulverer.

IKEA strengthened its supply chain in the North with its first Customer Distribution Centre opened in Farrukh Nagar, south of Gurugram, last month.

The 1.5 lakh sq.ft warehouse is designed to store 7,000-plus products, and gives customers the option to shop on the IKEA mobile app, website and over a phone call with an assured 24-hour order fulfillment.

More than 100,000 customers have signed up for IKEA's loyalty programmes even before its formal entry into the market. The company expects the numbers to grow exponentially even though it reported widening losses of ₹1299.4 crore in FY-24. Pulverer is quick to clarify that IKEA in India has been building up over the last few years and moving as per plan. "We enter markets with significant long-term investments that entail some fixed costs as affordability and high efficiency remain our core," she says.

Main character energy

The Better Homes Research by IKEA in Delhi gave an insight into the multi-generational families living together in their city homes with a strong focus on the living room. "Delhiites also love their outdoors, festivities, celebrations, food and hosting people," says Jasmeet Sood, Country Home Furnishing and Retail Design Manager, IKEA India. "Every corner has a purpose; the furniture people use here isn't just functional but is the main character carrying the entire household's energy," says Sood.

The 2024 Life At Home report suggests 56% of Indians are likely to shift homes and another 10% will renovate in the next two years. "We met families living in different types and sizes of homes in various parts of Delhi. People's challenges and ambitions motivate us to bring them meaningful solutions," says Adosh Sharma, Country Expansion Manager, IKEA India. "While everything needs to co-exist, we are not expecting people to change their homes immediately with IKEA," he adds.

Sood says the traditional and antique items individuals inherit can always blend in with the modern and functional. "That is how we design our products. For instance, many Delhi homes invest in heavy wooden furniture and decorative items. We will show how to integrate, balance and make a cohesive functional home with more flexible furniture. People understand and see the logic in the evolution of furniture from simply style to multi-functional," she adds.

Bright hues and bold patterns

North India's preference for brighter colours, bolder patterns in textiles, integrated lighting and false ceilings with a bit of bling is also something IKEA, which has more whites in its collection, is looking into.

"We are open to experimentation and amalgamation with peoples' tastes," says Sood.

IKEA in Delhi could end furniture disappointment among locals who find their options limited by extremely ornate and heavy wood furniture in the country's biggest furniture market at Kirti Nagar in West Delhi or some basic and vintage items on Panchkuian Road near Connaught Place or the high-end furniture shops on M.G. Road.

With its products targeting the key demographics, IKEA is more about minimalism and believes in creating an organised productive space with ease.

Its smartly designed DIY affordable furniture for the first home or for single women, students and bachelors co-sharing spaces are popular.

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Ranya Rao remanded in DRI custody for 3 days

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Kannada film actor Ranya Rao, 33, who was caught for allegedly smuggling gold at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Monday, was produced before the Special Court for Economic Offences and remanded in Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) custody for three days.

Securing her custody was to get more clarity on the persons she was working for and the possible involvement of others in the racket, DRI sources said.

Metro services to be partially cancelled tomorrow

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There will be a partial cancellation of metro services on the Purple Line on Sunday between Magadi Road and M.G. Road stations as Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited will take up track maintenance work.

The services will not be available for three hours between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

"During the cancellation period, stations such as Cubbon Park, B.R. Ambedkar Station, Vidhana Soudha, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Station, Central College, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station, Majestic (Purple Line), and Krantivira Sangoli Rayanna Railway Station will remain closed. On account of cancellation, QR ticket purchases will be disabled. The public is advised not to purchase QR tickets and tokens for travelling from Purple Line to Green Line and vice versa during the above period as trains will not be available at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station up to 10 a.m." said a release from BMRCL.

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The public is hereby notified that: 1. My client, **Dr. K.N. Satish**, aged about 72 years, son of K.N. Nagaraj, residing at 45, 11th main, 13th cross, second floor, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560003, has filled a suit in OS 1502/2025 before the XIX Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore, in respect of the properties morefully described in the schedule below (hereafter referred to as "schedule properties") against his siblings, **K.N. Balasubramanyam, K.N. Sudha and K.N. Rajalakshmi,** all residing at 45,11th main, 13th cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560003 for partition and separate possession of the schedule properties.

2. The schedule property is leased to a Partnership Firm, **M/s. Nagson and Co** by way of registered Lease Deed dated 8.10.2013 bearing Doc No 3463 Book 1 of 2013-14 before Sub-Registrar, Yeshwanthpur and further sub-leased to **M/s Shiva and Shiva Orthopaedic Hospital Pvt Ltd (Sparsh Hospital, Yeshwantpur)**, by way of registered Lease Deed dated 5.5.2014 bearing Doc No 548 Book 1 of 2014-15 before Sub Registrar, Rajajinagar.

3. The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP 6590/2025 (arising out of the said OS 1502/2025) was pleased to grant an interim order on 6.3.2025 directing the parties not to create any third party interests in respect of the schedule property till the next date of hearing. The parties in the said writ petition are my client **Dr. KN Satish** and his siblings **K.N. Balasubramanyam, K.N. Sudha and K.N. Rajalakshmi** aforementioned.

4. The general public is hereby notified not to deal with or enter into any transactions relating to the schedule property. Any person undertaking any transaction relating to the schedule property shall be doing so at his or her own risk and without prejudice to the rights of my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 4/1 and 4/1, PID No. 2-172-4/1 and PID No. 2-172-4/1, Katha No. 170 & 171, formed in Sy. No. 70, situated at Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru 560022 admeasuring 47,676 sq.ft., consisting of a building measuring 1,05,000 sq.ft., and bounded as follows:

East by : HP Petrol Pump
West by : Property of RNS Motors
North by : Property of RNS
South by : Bangalore Tumkur Road

Sd/-
Jayanth Venkatram, Advocate,
305, HM Geneva, Cunningham Road,
Bangalore- 560052,
Email: jayanth.venkatram@gmail.com

Place: Bangalore
Date : 07-03-2025

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Visually challenged man held for smuggling gold at KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The customs officials at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Tuesday arrested a visually-challenged man smuggling gold worth ₹3.4 crore.

Based on specific input, a team of officials intercepted the accused soon after he landed from Dubai and recovered ₹3.44 crore gold valuables from him.

According to the officials, the passenger was caught on March 4 and 3.995 kg of gold was recovered. "The gold worth ₹3,44,38,796 was concealed under the suspect's shirt," they said.

The arrest by the customs at KIA came after the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officers nabbed Kannada actor Ranya Rao recently for smuggling gold.

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Corrigendum No. 2 E-Tender No.
CPMGSU-2024-10 Dated : 22-01-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Request for Proposal (REP) for Appointment of General Consultants (GC) for the various projects of Gati Shakti Mysuru Unit.	Rs. 6,03,36,769.40

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 07-04-2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Project Manager/GSU
PUB/835/AAF/PRB/SWR/2024-25 Mysuru

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No:
KRNR-Addtl_LL_SNTGSU_MYS

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Krishnarajanagar: Provision of Additional Running Line on Mysuru - Hassan (MYS-HAS) Line.	Rs. 1,54,05,831.90/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 24.03.2025

For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Signal & Telecommuncation Engineer/Gati Shakti/Mysuru
PUB/821/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Raghavendra Rao D son of Late Venkat Rao D, aged about 41 years along with my wife Mrs. Preethi R Rao wife of Raghavendra Rao D, aged about 37 years, R/at: Manifest Silver Ark Apartment, CIL Layout, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 032, are intending to purchase the Schedule Property as mentioned below from its owner **Mr. Sundar V**, son of Mr. Veeranna, aged about: 66 years, R/at: #366, Manasa Lake View Residency, Kalyananagar, Hormavu Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 043. The owner represents that he is the sole, absolute owner of the Schedule Property and apart from him there are no other person/s, having any right, title or claim over the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is not mortgaged, or encumbered in any manner. The Owner represents that he has not entered into any MoU, Agreement for Sale or any sort of arrangement with any other person/s with respect to the Schedule Property or part thereof. If any person/s having any objection/s or claims may with their documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims within **7 (seven)** days from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, failing which, we shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property treating that there are no claims over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPRTY

All that piece and parcel of residential vacant site No. 4/1 formed in Survey No. 119/5 measuring 144.93 square meter (1560 square feet) situated at Horamavu Agara Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru and presently bearing PID No. 552/276/119/5, EPID No. 8564503162 issued by Assistant Revenue Officer, Hormavu, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru and bounded as follows:
East by: Somashekar Property;
West by: Private Property;
North by: Road; and
South by: Ashwath Narayana Reddy Property

Sd/-
UDAYKUMAR.K, ADVOCATE,
No.454/2, 2nd cross, HRBR Layout 1st Block, Balaji Layout, Subbaiahnapalya, Banaswadi, Bengaluru- 560043 Mob: 96866 90139

Date: 08.03.2025 Place: Bangalore

AXIS BANK PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION
Public Notice for – E-Auction of pledged assets being Gold Ornaments

The Borrowers, in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank at the below mentioned Branch.

The below mentioned Borrowers has availed the credit facility from the **Axis Bank Limited** against the pledge of gold ornaments ("Gold Loan Facility") in favour of the Bank towards the security. The Demand notices were issued to the Borrowers/Guarantors calling up the Borrowers/Guarantors to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold loan facility availed. As the Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct an e-auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on **18.03.2025 at 12:30PM to 3:30PM on "As In Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and "No Recourse Basis".**

Details of Borrowers and outstanding amount

Branch Name	Loan A/C No.	Customer Name	Amount Outstanding	Date of Demand Notice	Gross Weight	Net Weight
Banashankari, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX140553	Simran Sulthan	319451	30-Jan-25	63.700	63.300
Banashankari, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX365052	Chetan L	190817.07	07-Sep-24	45.200	44.600
Bangarapet [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX881062	Ashraf .	92300	20-Nov-24	18.000	17.600
Basavangudi,Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX511611	Dhimanth Kumar	118711	28-Nov-24	26.600	26.100
Basaveshwar Nagar, [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX349012	Deepa Sajjanar	53027	04-Nov-24	11.800	11.000
Bhattarahalli Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX131095	Rahul Kumar Nunna	41775	30-Jan-25	10.100	9.600
Bhattarahalli Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX792538	Jasthi Nagendra Babu	29469.34	08-May-24	9.300	7.200
Bidadi, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX260553	Shubha A R	63524.18	30-Jan-25	15.500	13.500
Chamarajpet, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX775038	B A Anitha Krishna	307746	28-Nov-24	76.700	74.600
Chamarajpet, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX967412	V Ravi	281831	30-Jan-25	66.400	64.200
Chikballapur Kola [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX247048	Archana S	175244	27-Sep-24	35.600	33.300
Chikballapur Kola [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX822309	Somashekara M	138631	27-Sep-24	19.700	19.000
Hoskote,Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX045325	Manjunath K P	90281.9	30-Jan-25	19.300	19.100
Hoskote,Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX423375	Syed Nayaz Pasha	89091	28-Nov-24	22.800	22.000
Hoskote,Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX795069	Pushpa S N	2800965	08-Sep-2024	643.900	604.000
Indiranagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX936881	Nikhil M	106611	30-Jan-25	22.300	22.000
J P Nagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX065044	Manoj Kumar Subudhi	254000	30-Jan-25	77.900	64.900
J P Nagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX140621	Wajith .	182414	30-Jan-25	39.000	38.000
Jayanagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX058635	Ibrahim Ali	73776	30-Jan-25	16.000	15.600
Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX564385	Om Prakash	61446	30-Jan-25	15.000	14.100
Kasthuri Nagar,Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX949014	Vinita Java	623708	04-Nov-24	138.800	133.400
Kasthuri Nagar,Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX905275	Kamalesh Singh	565628	27-Sep-24	130.400	122.000
Kasthuri Nagar,Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX544591	Lakshmi Priya Poli	509067	07-Sep-24	168.700	142.900
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX471038	Asif Pasha	148803.93	30-Jan-25	32.200	32.000
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX769574	Kavitha N	111377	27-Sep-24	26.400	24.800
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX576634	Manjunatha N	92180	04-Aug-24	20.200	20.100
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX378719	Krishnappa C	83744.88	30-Jan-25	25.300	23.200
Kolar [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX964328	Shruthi Chellur	1712593	09-Jan-2025	634.400	580.500
Mahalakshmi Lay Bngr Kt	XXXXXXXXXX742064	Pooja B R	137263.13	30-Jan-25	41.600	41.400
Mahalakshmi Lay Bngr Kt	XXXXXXXXXX661793	Deepa S R	69977	05-Aug-24	18.500	15.800
Marathahalli, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX116216	Sukund Kumar	404885	30-Jan-25	96.100	94.000
Marathahalli, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX331933	Battepati Niranjan	104574.18	30-Jan-25	24.100	23.100
Marathahalli, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX361594	Ashraf	78666	02-Apr-24	25.600	20.700
Marathahalli, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX481374	Lokesha P	85309	04-Aug-24	23.700	23.000
Peenya, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX219248	Venkatadasari Aravinda Reddy	1292603.94	30-Jan-25	519.000	496.000
Peenya, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX798844	Poojabai G N	98492.8	04-Nov-24	19.900	19.900
Prashanth Nagar	XXXXXXXXXX222095	Santhosh G U	84876	30-Jan-25	20.600	20.600
Prashanth Nagar	XXXXXXXXXX964187	Gurushankar H A	57067	07-Sep-24	11.700	11.700
R T Nagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX783589	Chandrakumar Nagaraj	85491.71	04-Nov-24	24.300	24.000
R T Nagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX700724	Gayathri .	39305	28-Nov-24	8.200	8.000
RBI Layout ,Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX371818	Vanishree L D	94831	07-Sep-24	19.900	19.500
Sanjay Nagar,Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX111512	Karravula Venkataharikrishna	94183.44	07-Sep-24	23.200	22.300
Shanthinagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX029077	Bharath O M	32976	08-May-24	9.800	9.700
Vijayanagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX637787	Mubarak Pasha	763785	06-Sep-24	216.500	208.100
Vijayanagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX181896	Mubarak Pasha	265792	07-Oct-24	153.600	152.900
Vijayanagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX189072	Nagaraja S H	118776	04-Nov-24	25.130	25.130
Vijayanagar, Bangalore [KT]	XXXXXXXXXX413012	Abdullah Yafai	119037	06-Sep-24	31.500	31.500
Whitefield Main Ban Kt	XXXXXXXXXX013619	Suman Das	88490	30-Jan-25	18.000	17.800
Whitefield Main Ban Kt	XXXXXXXXXX040945	Vinoth R	77270.94	30-Jan-25	16.300	15.800

Axis Bank Ltd. has the authority to remove account/change the auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online https://gold.samil.in on 18.03.2025 between 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM.
For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website https://gold.samil.in (website of online vendor)

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank LTD.**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION HINGOLI

E-TENDER NOTICE NO 53 YEAR 2024-2025

E-Tenders for ONE (01) works in B-1/B-2 SBD form is invited by the Executive Engineer Public Works Division Hingoli Phone No 02456 220612 from the registered contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Govt of Maharashtra for the improvement roads/ yearly maintenance of roads repairs of building/construction of new buildings/ Bridge works in Dist Hingoli.

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Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division Hingoli

DGIPR/2024-2025/6930

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, खूँटी।

अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या– RDD/SD/KHUNTI/06/2024-25

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

क्र०सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	खूँटी जिला अन्तर्गत खूँटी में प्लास मार्ट का निर्माण कार्य।	4,99,79,500/–	10,00,000/–	10,000/–	18 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 10.03.2025
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय–दिनांक 10.03.2025 से दिनांक 19.03.2025 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, खूँटी
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –21.03.2025 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, खूँटी
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 6201188328 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई– निविदा सूचना संख्या – **RDD/SD/CHAIBASA/06/2024-25(2nd Call) (DMFT Fund)**

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

क्र० सं०	प्रखण्ड	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	तांतनगर	चिटिमिटी पंचायत के ग्राम–उलीडीह पी0डब्ल्यु0डी0 रोड से बिंगबुरू होते हुए बुढ़ाबासा चौक तक पी0 सी0 सी0 पथ निर्माण।	17688600.00	354000.00	10000.00	6 माह
2	तांतनगर	कासेया पंचायत के ग्राम–कासेया से हरिवेडा सूरमी दूरमी जाने वाली सड़क पी0 सी0 सी0 पथ निर्माण।	14271400.00	286000.00	10000.00	6 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 10.03.2025
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 10.03.2025 से दिनांक 18.03.2025 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –19.03.2025 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 8709623131 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. सरकार के संयुक्त सचिव ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग झारखण्ड सरकार राँची के पत्रांक 02(नि०नि०–17)–251/23 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग 3130(अनु०), राँची, दिनांक 09.10.2023 द्वारा दिये गये निदेश के अनुपालन में **सभी कागजात के साथ, निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।**
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।
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Tender Notice No. PCE/BLW(ET)/Publish/2024-25/19 Dated: 05/03/2025

E-TENDER

Dy. Chief Engineer, Banaras Locomotive Works, Varanasi on behalf of the President of India invites "Open" Tender **through E-Tendering** from the contractors. **S.N.:- 1., Tender No:- BLW-WAT-ET-024-24-25, Name of Work:-** Maintenance of Horticulture Work in Golf Course for 2 years., **Tender Cost (Rs):-** 1,11,11,355.81, **Earnest Money (Rs):-** 2,05,600.00, **Time of Completion:-** 24 Months, **Closing Date of Tender:-** 04.04.2025 At 15:00 pm, **Date of opening of Tender:-** 04.04.2025 At 15:30 pm, **Special Notice -** To see the detailed terms & conditions of tender and for submission of tender, please visit website: **http:www.ireps.gov.in**

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Cancellation Notice

This is to inform that tender reference **no. ASA/MPLS/1/2024-UID/001** and **Advertisement PR.No. 344502** has been cancelled.

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary, DoIT & e-Gov

PR 348072 Information Technology (24-25)_D

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** the constructive/ physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **25.03.2025 for recovery of 1,16,48,144.69/- (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Fourty Eight Thousand One Hundred Fourty Four Paisa Sixty-Nine only)** due to **"The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd",** Secured Creditor from **Shri. Bhaskar G N,** S/o Mr. Nagaiah, residing at A88/155/2, 1st Cross, Chikkabeguru, Begur, Bangalore– 560068. The reserve price will be **Rs.34,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty-Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand only)** and the earnest money deposit will **be Rs. 3,45,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs and Fourty Five Thousand only).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential apartment bearing Flat no. 303 (2 BHK), in Second floor, west facing, measuring, 1200 sqft of super builtup area, in the apartment building known as "DEVI GRAND VIEW" together with 223 sqft of undivided share situated at Site No. 19 and 20, old Khatha No. 24/1 & 24/2 then BBMP Khatha No. 998/24/1/19 and 987/38/24/1/24/2/20, present Khatha No. 998/24/1/24/2/19 & 20 Uttarahalli, Puttenahalli Ward No. 187, Sarakkikere, Bangalore, On the East by :Private Property, On the West by: Corridor, On the North by: Flat No. 304, On the South by: Private Property.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 Days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 07.03.2025 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

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PUBLIC E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON 27.03.2025

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 27.03.2025** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **26.03.2025 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s G Cinemas, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Guru Bheema Rao Deshpande, Addressed at :** No.88, 14th Main, Sriramnagar, Geleyara Balaga, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-560086, **Also at:** No.7, Muneshwara Layout, Muddinapalya Main Road, (Near Deepa Complex), Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-91. **(2) Mr. Guru Bheema Rao Deshpande,** S/o Mr. Marthanda Rao Deshpande, **Addressed at :** No.20, RMV Extension, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560094, **(3) Mrs. Suma J.P,** W/o Mr. Jayashankar R, **(4) Mr. Jayashankar R**, S/o Mr. S. Ramaiah, **Both 3 & 4 are addressed at :** No.13, 1st Floor, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Kempamma Layout, Muthyalamma Nagara, MSRIT, Bengaluru-560054. **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) PSDPN A/c No.1127001400712501 (2) PSDPN A/c No.1127001400713501**	**Total Rs. 3,07,95,421.21 [(1) Rs. 1,07,34,975.58 11.02.2025 + (2) Rs. 2,00,60,445.63 11.02.2025]**	**20.05.2024 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of the property **bearing No.5, PID No.02-151-5,** measuring 3382.50 Sq.ft [East to West – (87+78)/2 feet and North to South – 41 feet], situated at M.E.S Road, Bhahubalinagar, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mrs. Suma J.P. Boundaries of Property as per Document: East by :** Road, **West by :** Property belongs to R. Shashikumar, **North by:** Property belongs to Sri. J.V. Jagadish, **South by:** M.E.S Road. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude:13.043636, 77.5531449**	**Rs. 4,07,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore And Seven Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 40,70,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh And Seventy Thousand Only)**	**10.30 AM. to 10.50 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Mahalakshmipuram A/c No. 1123500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000112**
2	**(1) M/s Greenthrust Oil Industries Pvt Ltd, Represented by its Directors: i) Mrs Ashwini Rakshak Prabhu ii) Mr.Prakash Prabhu iii) Mrs. Jyothi Gopal Prabhu, Addressed at:** No.776, Tirumala Pride Apartment, Flat No. F2, 11th Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072, **(2) Mrs. Ashwini Rakshak Prabhu,** W/o Mr.Rakshak Prabhu, **Residing at:** Flat No. F2, Tirumala Pride Apartment, 11th Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072, **(3) Mr. Prakash Prabhu,** S/o Mr.Yashwanth Prabhu, # 184, Asha deep, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Teachers Colony, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072, **(4) Mrs.Jyothi Gopal Prabhu** W/o Mr.Gopal Prabhu, **Residing at:** No.208, 2nd Main Road, Teachers Layout, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560072, **(5) Mr.Anandaraya Yashvantha Prabhu** S/o Mr. Yashvantha Prabhu, **Residing at:** Flat No. F2, Tirumala Pride Apartment, 11th Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072. **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) PSTL A/c No.1247001800032701 (2) PSTL A/c No.1247001800038001 (3) PSTL A/c No.1247001800040801**	**Total Rs. 8,43,67,710.12 [(1) Rs. 7,18,54,731.20 11.02.2025 + (2) Rs. 54,21,703.68 11.02.2025 + (3) Rs. 70,91,275.24 11.02.2025]**	**13.06.2024 Constructive**	**Item No.1:** All that part and parcel of **Residential property bearing Now Municipal Site No.184, PID No.39-187-184,** formed in **Sy. No.1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, 2, 10, 50/1, 53, 54/1, 54/4A, 54/4B, 55/5** formed by the Kendra Upadhyayara Sangha (Regd. Bangalore South), layout plan approved by BDA, measuring East to West: 9.14 meters and North to South: (13.40 + 13.10)2 meters, in all **totally measuring 121.20 sq.meters i.e.1305 sq.ft.,** together with building constructed (GF, FF, SF with terrace floor measuring 2520 sq.ft) thereon situated at Nagarabhavi 1st Stage, presently BBMP Ward No.39, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore-560072 belonging to Mr.Prakash Prabhu. **Boundaries of property as per Document: East by:** Site No.185, **West by:** Site No.183, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.175. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude:12.957405, 77.517919**	**Rs. 3,00,00,000/-**	**Rs. 30,00,000/-**	**10.30 AM to 10.50 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Amarjyothi Nagar A/c No: 1243500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000124**
				Item No.2: All that part and parcel of **Residential property bearing Site No.2, Khatha No.646, measuring 2400 sq ft** (East to West: 60 ft and North to South: 40 ft), situated at Saptagiri Layout, 2nd Phase, Hosakerehalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mrs.Ashwini Rakshak Prabhu. Boundaries of property as per Document: East by:** 40 ft Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No.1, **South by:** Site No.3. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude:12.920305, 77.535987**	**Rs. 1,55,00,000/-**	**Rs. 15,50,000/-**	**10.55 AM to 11.15 AM**		
				Item No.3: All that part and parcel of **Leasehold Industrial property bearing Plot No.75, being carved out of Sy.No.92 and 143** of Yalladadlu Village and Sy.No.65 & 66 of Nagenahalli Village, measuring 4004 sq mts (East to West: 88 meters and North to South: 45.50 meters) together with sheet roofed industrial shed building constructed thereon situated at 2nd Phase, Vasanthapura Industrial Area, Kora Hobli, Tumakuru Taluk and District-574128 belonging to **M/s Greenthrust Oil Industries Pvt.Limited. Boundaries of property as per Document: East by:** Plot No.76, **West by:** Private Land & KIADB Land, **North by:** Plot No.77, **South by:** 18 mtrs wide Road No.5. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude:13.500417, 77.035715**	**Rs. 2,55,00,000/-**	**Rs. 25,50,000/-**	**11.20 AM to 11.40 AM**		

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8)Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Regulatory and others".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **27.03.2025** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **26.03.2025**) from **M/s Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1 Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderbad, Telangana, India, 500016, Contact Mobile No. 8885035382, E-mail : disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 06.03.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.

Budget: Knowledge Cell to provide farmers with real-time data

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Knowledge Cell will be established by Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology in partnership with the private players to provide farmers with real-time data on the extent, production, crop health and market data about horticultural crops by using satellite and other modern technologies, it was announced in the State Budget on Friday.

A Quantum Research Park Phase-2 will be set up with a grant of ₹48 crore over the next 3 years. Assistance of ₹57 crore will be provided for the reconstruction of the Bengaluru Bio-Innovation Centre, which was damaged in a fire and ₹20 crore was provided in the FY 2025-26.

Bengaluru City University to be named after Manmohan Singh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government will rename Bengaluru City University after former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, it was announced in the State Budget for 2025-26.

"To make this a model university in the country, Government Arts College and Government RC College will be made constituent colleges of this university," the Chief Minister added.

INBRIEF

Satellite market for Bengaluru

A new satellite market will be established on the outskirts of the city and a goat and sheep market will be set up in the city. The Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee will establish a flower market in Chickballapur and modern market in KGF for farmers through public private partnership.

Monthly assistance for caregivers

The monthly assistance of ₹1,000 provided to caregivers of persons with Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis will now be extended to caregivers of persons with autism, mental illness and multiple disabilities. Besides, the monthly incentive for nutrition and education given to HIV- infected and affected children under the Special Support Scheme has been increased from ₹1,000 to ₹2,000.

Upgradation of anganwadis

Under the 'Sakshama Anganwadi Scheme', 17,454 anganwadi centres will be provided with additional facilities at a cost of ₹1 lakh each and a total sum of ₹175 crore has been set aside for this. Besides, for construction of anganwadi buildings, 173 civic amenity sites available in CMCs / TMCs will be purchased at 50% concessional rate from the Urban Development Department. A sum of ₹10 crore has been earmarked for this.

Correction

In the news item on HSRP compliance in Karnataka carried in these columns on March 7, the quote of a cab driver should have read, "I know that having stickers or designs on number plate is not allowed and that will attract a fine."

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RISE 15:22	SET 03:43

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAMESHKUMAR, S/O: Basavaraj Hondad, R/O: Venkateshwar Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Raghavendra Colony, Hirekerur, Haveri – 581111, Have Changed My Name As Rameshkumar Basavaraj Hondad Vide Afdvt Dtd on 04/03/2025.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NISHA SHARON STEPHEN,** D/o Stephen Raja Shekhar, Residing at#S-702, Ajmera Avenue, Neeladri Road, Opposite Nilgiris Supermarket, Electronic City Phase-1, Kammasandra, Bengaluru-560100 , 560100 have changed my name to **NISHA SHARON,** vide affidavit dt.06.03.2025 before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GEETHA NAIK .D,** W/o M. Dhakya Naik, age 56 years, R/at No. 223, 6th Main, Near Mangaluru College, Railway Layout, 1st Stage, Ullal Main Road, Bangalore-560 056 do hereby declare that my mother's correct name is **C. KAMALA,** but in my passport her name is wrongly mentioned as **MANGALA BAI** instead of **C. KAMALA,** henceforth in all my records, my mother name shall be recorded as **C. KAMALA,** vide affidavit dated 07-03-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **V. RAJASHEKARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ALISHA RUB YANA .M,** D/o John Moses, aged about 22 years, R/at No. 201, Kavitha Residency, Opp. Mukunda Theatre, Maruthi Seva Nagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 033 have changed my name to **ALISHA RUBY YANA M,** vide affidavit dated 07.03.2025, before Notary **A. GERARD,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NISHA SHARON,** residing #S-702, Ajmera Avenue, Neeladri Road, OppositeNilgiris Supermarket, Electronic City phase-1, Kammasandra, Bengaluru-560100, declare that both the names **RAJKUMARI STEPHEN** and **RAJI STEPHEN** refers / pertains to one and the same person i.e., my mother only, vide Affidavit dated: 06/03/2025, sworn before Notary **L.GOPALAKRISHNA,** Bengaluru.

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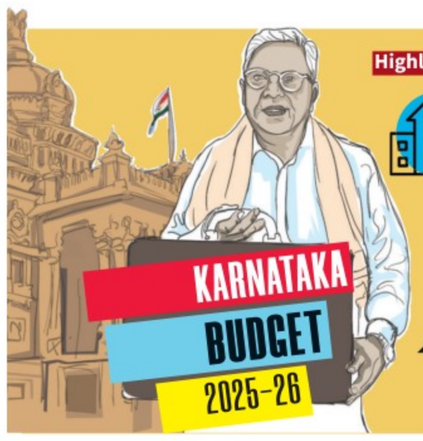

Highlights for Bengaluru

- Two hostels for backward class candidates studying for competitive exams
- Development of 16,140 plots in Suryanagar Phase-IV (Anekal taluk) with a 50:50 split between landowners and public
- Maintenance of Indira Canteens by women self-help groups in 10 urban areas
- 8% interest subsidy on loans (up to ₹1 lakh) for street vendors under PM Swanidhi Scheme
- State-of-the-art EV cluster with a testing track to be set up in the city at ₹25 crore
- A well-equipped 200-bed hospital to be constructed at ₹150 crore in Bengaluru North taluk
- Bengaluru Signature Park to be developed at Devanahalli on a 407-acre area. ₹50 crore has been released for building flyover

To meet the demands of a city with 15 million residents, we need thousands of buses. While the Budget announced new buses, they seem to be dependent on Union government schemes. Giving loan guarantee is not exactly institutional funding of the transport corporation which is a lifeline for the city.
Srinivas Alavilli, civic activist

The State government's commitment to invest ₹7,000 crore on the city's infrastructure is welcome. While we may quibble about the projects selected, the city does need such an infusion of big money. However, given the past record, the capacity of the system to implement projects of this magnitude is doubtful. The SPV being proposed will hopefully bring in more professionalism in the planning and execution of these projects.
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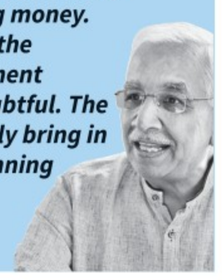


Allocation for Bengaluru up from ₹3,000 cr. last year to ₹7,000 cr.

Major projects will be executed by a Special Purpose Vehicle under the Greater Bengaluru Authority, the pan-city body, chaired by Chief Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a significant push for infrastructure development in Bengaluru, the Budget has more than doubled the allocation for the city from ₹3,000 crore last year to ₹7,000 crore and created a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), a new parastatal to execute major projects in the city.

This push for Bengaluru comes amidst a power tussle within the ruling Congress between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds charge of Bengaluru Development.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being greeted by Congress members in the Legislative Assembly after the presentation of the State Budget on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

City projects

A big chunk of the ₹7,000 crore seems to be going towards Mr. Shivakumar's push to expand the city's road network to ease congestion, despite criticism that it will only promote private vehicles at the cost of public transport.

The projects include the 40.5 km long double decker flyover at a cost of ₹8,916 crore with metro phase 3, a network of 300 km additional roads at ₹3,000 crore in the buffer zones of storm-water drains and 120 km of 17 flyovers and grade separators, apart from the much discussed tunnel roads and the peripheral ring road.

The two big-ticket projects will be funded through loans, raised with a guarantee from the state - ₹19,000 Crore for two tunnel roads and a ₹27,000 crore loan for Peripheral Ring Road. The Budget doesn't spell out how much will be spent on other projects this year, as these are projects that will be taken up over many years. Allocation for the double-decker flyovers is unlikely this year, as metro phase 3 work is yet to begin.

The Budget also earmarks ₹660 crore for redeveloping 460 km long arterial and sub-arterial road network in the city.

While many of these projects were listed in last year's Budget as well, they have gone a step further this year.

Two key projects – the skydeck and the proposed second airport for Bengaluru – do not figure in the Budget speech. The skydeck project has been put on the backburner until the location of the second airport is decided.

Special Purpose Vehicle

Most of these projects will be executed by the proposed new SPV. Given the State government is keen on passing the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024, and creating a multiple corporation setup for the civic administration, all major projects that cut across multiple corporations are proposed to be handled by the SPV under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), the pan-city body, chaired by the Chief Minister. The SPV announced in the Budget on Friday, is keeping up with this proposed new structure, sources said.

"The State government's commitment to invest ₹7,000 crore in the city's infrastructure is welcome. While we may quibble about the projects selected, the city does need such an infusion of big money to fix it. However, given the past record, the capacity of the system to implement projects of this magnitude is doubtful. The SPV being proposed will hopefully bring in more professionalism in the planning and execution of these projects," said civic activist and Brand Bengaluru Committee member V. Ravichandar.

Another civic activist, Srinivas Alavilli, said that the amount of money being spent on road infrastructure needs to be rationalized with the desired modal share of public transport, as more road space in whatever form leads to more vehicles on our already-clogged roads. "There is a need to improve secondary and tertiary road networks in outer areas and massive investments into pedestrian infrastructure, but we will probably have to wait for the BBMP Budget," he said.

From Page One

Karnataka Budget balances between growth and welfare

While the industrial sector recorded 5.8% growth (it was 7.7% in 2033-24), the service sector registered 8.9% in 2024-25. The State's GSDP is poised to grow at 7.4% as against the nation's 6.4%. Overall exports recorded a growth of 11.17%. Karnataka has contributed 8.4% to the national GDP in 2024-25.

Mr. Siddaramaaih took a dig at the Centre for its failure to compensate for GST loss, non-devolution of cesses and surcharges and lower tax devolution from the 15th Finance Commission. The decline from 14th Finance Commission to 15th Finance Commission is estimated at ₹12,000 a year.

In what the Opposition called "minority appeasement", the government has allocated ₹4,500 crore for minority communities. The Budget allocated ₹4,300 crore for OBC programmes and ₹42,018 crore under the SC Sub-Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan.

For stimulating entrepreneurship in Tier-II and III cities/towns, it proposed a Local Economy Accelerator Programme with a grant of ₹1,000 crore and the industry status to the cinema sector.

The total receipts are estimated at ₹4,08,647 crore, while the total expenditure is estimated at ₹4,09,549 crore. The Budget outlay included revenue expenditure of ₹3,11,739 crore, capital expenditure of ₹71,336 crore and loan repayment of ₹26,474 crore.

The revenue deficit is estimated at ₹19,262 crore (0.63% of GSDP) and the fiscal deficit is estimated at ₹90,428 crore (2.95% of GSDP).

The total liabilities at the end of 2025-26 is estimated to be ₹7,64,655 crore (24.91% of GSDP). The borrowings and fiscal deficit have been kept within permissible limits of the Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2002, and thus maintained fiscal discipline. Mr. Siddaramaiah has bet that Karnataka would turn revenue surplus next year.

The Chief Minister, who has suffered a leg injury, read a few paragraphs of the Budget standing in the House but later completed the speech seated.

Bengaluru police divisions up from 8 to 11

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To provide better security to an ever-expanding Bengaluru, the city police area has been revamped from eight divisions to 11.

It is presently divided into North, South, Central, East, West, South East, North East, and Whitefield divisions. Some are distributed unevenly, with more stations and bigger geographical boundaries, while others are smaller. Due to this, the personnel of some divisions are overburdened.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah also allotted a ₹5 crore grant to the cybercrime division so that it could tackle the growing number of cybercrime and narcotics cases.

Four more bomb detection and disposal squads will be established in Ballari, Davangere, Mysuru, and Bengaluru Central Zones this year. To ensure the fitness and well-being of police personnel, the government has increased the amount allocated for individual annual health check-ups from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500.

Two Indian Reserve Battalions will be established at Kudugurki near Nandi Hills and in KGF, with a grant of ₹80 crore provided for the initiative.

Under the 'Police Gruha-2025' scheme, residential quarters worth ₹300 crore will be constructed this year for police personnel.

Little for city's long-term water management

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

Most Bengalureans will remember the summer of 2024 for the water crisis that followed a drought-hit 2023. This may have forced the civic authorities to implement water-saving measures earlier this year, but the 2025-26 Budget offers little in terms of long-term planning to quench the city's thirst that experts have been pressing for.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the Cauvery Stage-V project with an additional water capacity of 775 MLD constructed at a cost of ₹5,550 crore was dedicated to the public in 2024-25 and "has provided a water lifeline to 50 lakh residents in 110 villages."

"Under the Karnataka Water Security and Disaster Resilience Programme, actions will be undertaken during 2025-2031 at a total cost of ₹5,000 crore out of which ₹3,500 crore will be World Bank loan and ₹1,500 crore will be from the State government," he said.

A file photo of the cascade aerator train, water purification centre at Torekadinahalli near Malavalli.

He has listed flood management system in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) areas at a cost of ₹2,000 crore, construction of waste water treatment plant and sewage pumping system by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) at a total cost of ₹1,070 crore, and 41 lake-filling works by the Minor Irrigation Department under the disaster mitigation programme in Bengaluru Rural at a cost of ₹250 crore.

Under grants from the State Disaster Mitigation Fund and the National Disaster Mitigation Fund, the rebuilding of stormwater drains and rejuvenation of lakes in the city at a cost of ₹239 crore has been announced. Ongoing works mentioned included 70 tank filling works under the Vrushabhavati Valley Stage-I, 24 tank filling works under H.N. Valley Stage -II and 18 tank filling works under Bengaluru East taluka.

Mr. Siddaramaiah also said that Karnataka "is at the forefront of vigorously recycling and purifying used water – a practice praised by international forums."

However, experts are divided. Water conservationist S. Vishwanath said the water crisis is in pockets and the Cauvery Stage-V project will solve a part of the crisis, while the tank filling exercises will improve the water table.

But T.V. Ramachandra from the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, said the Budget says nothing about harvesting, the 700-850 mm rainfall Bengaluru gets or the problem of untreated sewage being let into the city's lakes, and still talks about drawing water from Cauvery river.

INBRIEF

₹50 crore for Fire Dept.

For the Fire and Emergency Services Department, ₹50 crore has been announced for procurement of equipment and construction of a building. Aerial Ladder Platform vehicle capable of reaching 52-54 metre will be provided in high-rise buildings. Expansion and modernisation of the department will be taken up at ₹330 crore under the 15th Finance Commission grants. A new fire station building will be constructed in Mysuru at a cost of ₹3 crore.

Cinema tickets to be capped at ₹200

Yemen S.
BENGALURU

In good news for filmgoers, the Karnataka government, in its Budget for 2025-26, announced that the cost of tickets in all theatres of the State, including multiplexes, will be capped at ₹200.

The move comes after the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) in October 2024 met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and requested him to implement guidelines for the price of movie tickets in multiplexes and other theatres.

Back in 2017, filmgoers were delighted when the government (also led by Mr. Siddaramaiah) announced that multiplex ticket prices would be capped at ₹200.

However, a government order enforcing this, issued on May 2, 2017, was challenged in the Karnataka High Court.

The court ruled that the cap would not apply on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays across Karnataka.

The Chief Minister also announced that an OTT platform would also be created by the State government to promote Kannada movies.

Kempegowda Bus Stand to be redeveloped

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city's Kempegowda Bus Stand in Majestic will be redeveloped under the Project Majestic scheme under the public-private partnership (PPP) model, announced Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday, adding that it will be a transport hub consisting of a commercial complex.

Under the PPP model, a satellite bus stand will be set up in K.R. Puram in Bengaluru East Zone.

These were the few major announcements for the city's transport sector, alongside the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) getting 9,000 electric buses of 14,750 which will be inducted into the fleet this financial year.

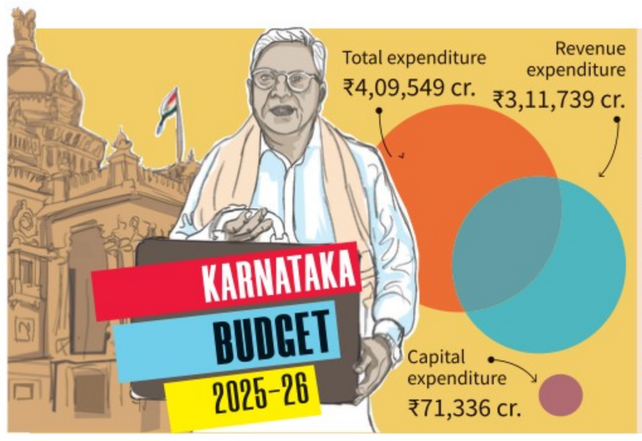
A file photo of the Majestic bus station.

While this will increase the fleet size, experts pointed out that the State has shown a lot of dependence on Union schemes. "As someone who expected to see reforms in financial devolution to cities and major investments into public transport after fare hikes, I was disappointed with the budget today. To meet the demands of a city with 15 million residents, we need thousands of buses, and soon. While the budget announced new buses, they seem to be dependent on Union Government schemes. Giving loan guarantee is not exactly institutional funding of the transport corporation which is a lifeline for the city," said Srinivas Alavilli, civic activist.

However, citizens were disappointed that the fare hike did not find a mention.

"We expected that the Chief Minister would talk about the fare hike, and it is unfortunate that it was not brought up. They have announced an extension of length, but what's the purpose of it if people are hesitant to take it due to the fare hike?" asked Rajesh Bhat of Bangalore Metro Commuters' Association.

The government has made an allocation of ₹600 crore to develop nine railway lines across the State that the State government has taken up on a 50:50 basis with Indian Railways. . The government will also provide ₹406 crore for the doubling of 70 kilometres of railway lines Baiyappanahalli-Hosur and Yeshwantapura-Channasandra routes at a cost of ₹812 crore. The Railway over and under bridges which were already approved to replace level-crossing gates also got an allocation of ₹50 crore in the budget.



Loan repayment ₹26,474 cr.
Total revenue receipts ₹2,92,477 cr.
State's own taxes ₹2,08,100 cr.
State's non-tax revenues ₹16,500 cr.
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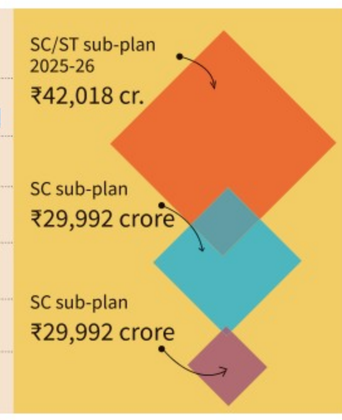
Non-debt capital receipts ₹170 crore
Borrowings ₹1,16,000 crore



Allocation for guarantee schemes in 2025-26: ₹51,034 cr.

	Revised estimates 2024-25 in ₹crore	Budget estimates 2025-26 in ₹crore
Gruha Lakshmi	28,608.43	28,608
Gruha Jyothi	9,657	10,100
Anna Bhagya	8,079.03	6,246
Shakti	5,015	5,300
Yuva Nidhi	410.15	600
Total	51,769.61	51,034

Guarantee schemes
On an average ₹233 crore has been transferred to each Assembly constituency solely through the guarantee schemes

While farmers struggle with debts and crop losses, rural Karnataka suffers from lack of roads, power and irrigation, SC/ST hostels remain underfunded, youth are deprived of skill development and jobs, Congress has prioritised appeasement over real development.
B.Y. Vijayendra, BJP State president

VIEWPOINT

NARENDAR PANI

Budget: Is it a sustainable path?

The Karnataka Budget for 2025-26 was expected to provide an indication of where the Siddaramaiah-government stands on the perceived trade-off between guarantees and development. While the Budget finds a way to generate funds for development, it does raise serious questions about whether the path it has chosen is sustainable.

The Chief Minister has kept the guarantees at broadly the same level they were at last year, so that the greater size of the Budget enabled a 47.3% increase in capital expenditure. The impact of this increase on development is, however, difficult to predict as the Budget reveals at least three different political perceptions of development.

The first path is that of MLAs who see development entirely in terms of projects in their constituencies with which they can be associated. The Budget addresses this demand directly by setting up a Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Programme that is to focus on minor irrigation, roads, and urban infrastructure in each of the Assembly constituencies.

The second path is that of political interests that are larger than that of individual MLAs. The Kalyana Karnataka region that is associated with the Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has been a major beneficiary in the Budget. The Gulbarga tur dal which has been recognised as a geographical indication by the WTO will benefit from the higher procurement price for the pulse. There are also a number of projects proposed in addition to the ₹5,000 crore for projects to be developed for the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board.

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The third path is to not just continue with Bengaluru-centric growth but to do so with increasingly expensive trophy projects. The political thrust for this path is believed to come from Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. The Budget announced that the BBMP will provide a guarantee for a loan of ₹19,000 crore for tunnel roads in Bengaluru out of the ₹40,000 crore the project is expected to cost.

It is not difficult to see which of these paths will be the most influential. The Budget's provisions for Bengaluru are of a much greater magnitude than that of the other two paths. In addition to the major individual projects the yearly grant for the city has been raised from ₹3,000 crore to ₹7,000 crore. While experience tells us that the size of expenditure is not directly linked to the extent of benefit to its citizens, it would strengthen the message that workers from all over Karnataka, and indeed other States, should gravitate towards Bengaluru for jobs.

This messaging could also impact the working of the more positive initiatives in the Budget. The emphasis on health and school education will improve the employability of a wider section of younger workers in rural Karnataka. The government hopes to provide these new workers with jobs by attracting global investors to cities other than Bengaluru. The jury is still out on just how effective this strategy will be. It is not just that the larger global investors may not want to invest in tier 2 cities. Even if such investment is made, it is extremely capital intensive. Going by the MOUs signed at the Invest Karnataka meet 2025 there would be only one job created for every ₹1.7 crore investment.

The continuation of Bengaluru-centric growth has its consequences for Karnataka. Bengaluru is finding the burden of growing rapidly enough for the whole State increasingly difficult to bear.

This pattern also increases regional inequality in the State. While the high growth of the metropolis ensures Karnataka has among the highest per capita incomes in the country it has regions that are left far behind. The political consequences of this regional inequality can be brushed aside between polls, but it will sooner or later lead to demands for fresh guarantees or something similar. The CM has worked his way around one set of guarantees but the Budget has not done enough to remove the prospect of a revival of demand for similar measures.

(The writer is economist and professor at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru)

State to miss revenue target by ₹6,000 cr.

Officials say that with the current growth rate, revenue deficit is not expected to be turned around to revenue surplus Budget till 2027-2028

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The State government, which juggled with the implementation of guarantee schemes and a huge revenue deficit in the 2024-25 fiscal, is expected to see a shortfall of around ₹6,000 crore in the revenue receipts at the end of fiscal.

According to government sources, the Excise Department alone is expected to miss the target of ₹38,000 crore by about ₹2,000 crore, while the Stamps and Registration Department is expected to miss the target by ₹1,000 crore.

The other tax revenues, including land revenue, electricity taxes, and taxes and duties, has dropped from ₹4,245 crore in 2023-24 to ₹2,368 crore in 2024-25.

The commercial taxes have also done badly in January and February, sources pointed out.

While the agriculture and services sector have reported increased growth, the industrial sector, comprising mining, manufacturing, construction and utilities, is expected to to grow at 5.8% in 2024-25, lower than 7.3% in 2023-24.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presenting the State Budget 2025-26 at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Overall, government sources said: "Economy in the country is slowing down. The excise duty collection missing the target is due to drop in consumption of alcohol, which is also a country-wide phenomenon. Good excise duty collection here is not because of sales but due to taxation."

Another reason for reduced excise duty collection was change in the excise policy in Andhra Pradesh, which has curtailed the movement of liquor from Karnataka.

"In slabs for cheaper liquor, Karnataka's liquor is cheaper than Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and there was a lot of cross-border sale of liquor. The new policy of auctioning areas to private individuals in neighbouring States have tightened the movement."

The Stamps and Registration Department's collection also went down due to the recent DDoS attack, sources said, adding that the registrations were disrupted.

The revenue deficit, which is now revised at ₹26,127 crore from ₹27,353 crore for 2024-25, has been pegged at ₹19,262 crore for 2025-26.

Though Chief Minister Siddaramaiah hoped to overcome revenue deficit by next year, the officials said that with the current growth rate, the revenue deficit is not expected to be turned around to revenue surplus Budget till 2027-28.

A finance official said that considering the growth rate of revenue receipts at 11.3% against a 7.3% growth rate of revenue expenditure, the revenue deficit could remain till 2027-28.

Though funding of guarantees of nearly ₹52,000 crore has led to pressure on expenditure, the government, however, has blamed stoppage of GST compensation from 2023-24 and reduction in horizontal devolution by 23% during the 15th Finance Commission, which results in an estimated loss of ₹12,000 crore for the State to become revenue deficit.

Karnataka's inflation rate

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As of January 2025, Karnataka's inflation stands at 5.03% exceeding the national average of 4.31%, reflecting regional price pressures despite economic stability, noted the Medium Term Fiscal Plan 2025-29 released by government. It said that higher costs in food, fuel, and housing, along with urban demand and supply chain constraints have contributed to this gap. While the State's diverse economy supports resilience, price volatility in essential commodities is a challenge.

Amidst inflation, various low-income groups get some relief

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The increase in honorarium and allowances to a host of segments in the Karnataka Budget presented on Friday is being seen in the backdrop of price rise, inflation and remunerations that had not been revised for some years now for very economically vulnerable sections.

Despite the pressure of funding nearly ₹52,000 crore for guarantees, the State government has increased monthly honorariums/ pensions, demand for which had been pending. At least a dozen of which that could help several lakh people has been hiked.

Honorarium of guest teachers and lecturers working in government primary and secondary schools and guest lectures working PU colleges have been enhanced by ₹2,000, which is expected to benefit about 60,000 people. Similarly, honorarium of ASHAs has been enhanced by ₹1,000 and anganwadi workers by ₹1,000 and their assistants by ₹750. This is expected to benefit nearly 1.6 lakh together. About 1.14 lakh cooks/helpers will benefit from enhancement of honorarium by ₹1,000.

While the government increased the annual Tasdiq amount paid to about 30,000 archakas in 25,551 temples from ₹60,000 to ₹72,000, it also increased honorarium to Jain priests, chief Grantis of Sikhs and Pesh Imams of mosques to ₹6,000 per month. The honorarium given to assistant Granti and Muezzin will be increased to ₹5,000 per month. Pensions of artists have been increased to ₹2,500, while that of wrestlers have also been increased. Government sources said there has been huge demand for hike and these were people at the lower rung with less pay.

In tune with economy, subsidies tweaked in Budget

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The funding for guarantees, which has seen an intense political debate nationally, as well as various subsidies, have been tweaked this fiscal due to changes in the economic environment in Karnataka.

While the total subsidies have marginally gone up by 2.05% from ₹78,460 crore to ₹80,069 crore, some departments have seen reduction in subsidies while some have seen increase.

Rice subsidy

In the light of the government decision to stop the ₹170 given as DBT in lieu of five kg of rice, a subsidy of about ₹1,700 crore has been reduced from the Food and Civil Supplies Department.

In comparison to total subsidy of ₹9,734 crore in 2024-25, ₹8,057 crore has been given for 2025-26, a decrease by 17.22%.

Five kg of rice has been one of the five guarantee schemes given by the government under Anna Bhagya scheme. The Budget has announced an increase of 20.46%. "Rice that was available at 34 kg when we launched the scheme is now available at ₹22.5 per kg. The government will benefit about ₹1,500 crore by purchasing the rice and deliver it through PDS. We expect to save about ₹9 per kg," an official said.

In contrast, the Energy Department that also administers Gruha Jyothi guarantee has seen an increase in its subsidy allocation by ₹3,654 crore from ₹22,492 crore in 2024-25 to ₹26,146 crore in 2025-26, an increase by 16.24%. This is due to subsidy announced for power supplied to irrigation pump set. The outlay for the Gruha Jyothi has seen a marginal increase from ₹9,657 crore to ₹10,100 crore, an increase by 4.58%.

Shakti scheme has seen an increase from ₹5,015 crore to ₹5,300 crore this year, an increase by 5.68% while the allocation for Yuvanidhi has gone up from ₹410 crore to ₹600 crore, an increase by 46.34%. The Industries and Commerce saw its subsidies decline by 60.79% from ₹1,462 crore to ₹573 crore.

Subsidies and financial assistance

	Revised estimates 2024-25	Budget estimates 2025-26
Total subsidies and financial assistance	78,460.99	80,060.15
Energy	22,492.70	26,146
Food and Civil Supplies	9734.84	8057
Education	481.51	419.12
Commerce and Industries	1462.02	573.15
Labour and Skill Development	404.50	616.33
Cooperation	1655.44	1802.18
Social Welfare	633.21	850.21

(in ₹Crore)

Liquor slabs set for further rationalisation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After rationalising the slabs for premium liquor in the State that brought down the price of premium Indian Made Liquor, the Karnataka government is expected to further rationalise the slabs.

Finance Department sources said that there is a need to further rationalise the price that could mean further reduction in price of premium brands and an increase in the cost of those in the cheaper liquor segment.

"We will initiate the process in the next two to three weeks. No decision on the rationalisation has been taken yet." This would mean slight adjustment in the excise duty structure to make the prices of premium segments comparable to neighbouring States.

The State government is also proposing to allocate unused liquor licence through a transparent electronic auction for additional resource mobilisation.

Man-animal conflict: Ex-gratia hiked from ₹15 lakh to ₹20 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Budget has announced an increase in grants and a slew of measures to address man-animal conflict in the State.

They include increase of ex-gratia relief for loss of human life from wild animal attacks from ₹15 lakh to ₹20 lakh and a grant of ₹20 crore to establish 'Wild-elephant Soft Release Centre' in 20 sq km area within the Bhadra Tiger Reserve.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that the eight elephant task forces and two leopard task forces formed to control the wild elephant and leopard menace in the State will continue to be operational as a fund of ₹17 crore has been provided in the current year.

"To prevent man-elephant conflict, 392 km of railway barricades have been constructed since 2015. As much as 150 km of railway barricade works will be taken up in the next two years and ₹60 crore has been set aside for 2025-26," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

In order to increase green cover in the State, he announced that under various programmes, 213 lakh plants in 28,494-hectare forest area and 3.5 lakh plants in 1,200 hectares of non-forest area will be grown and plantations will be maintained.

To mitigate the effects of climate change, the Karnataka Forest, Wildlife and Climate Change Mitigation Foundation (KFWCCMF) will be constituted in collaboration with environmentally conscious corporate bodies and social reformers.

Govt. looks to generate ₹5,000 cr. through InvIT in energy sector

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

For the first time, the State plans to bring in private investment into its power transmission network through an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT).

InvITs are investment vehicles that allow investors to buy and operate infrastructure projects. "InvIT that is gaining increased importance in distribution sector is being established in Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. It is intended to generate investment of ₹5,000 crore through InvIT and utilise it for different schemes," Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said.

He said that the Godhna Thermal Power Plant, which is Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd.'s power station in Chhattisgarh, will be operationalised this year. The project established at a cost of ₹13,000 crore has been pending since 2008 due to problems with coal linkage, among other things. A whopping ₹8,833 crore has been earmarked for the establishment of 100 new sub-stations.

To reduce the burden of electricity bills on gram panchayats, Mr. Siddaramaiah announced the installation of distinct phase wires for street lights in GPs by electricity supply companies at a cost of ₹850 crore. The allocation for Gruha Jyothi scheme, under which free electricity up to 200 units is given to domestic consumers, has been hiked from ₹9,657 crore in 2024-25 to ₹10,100 crore this year.

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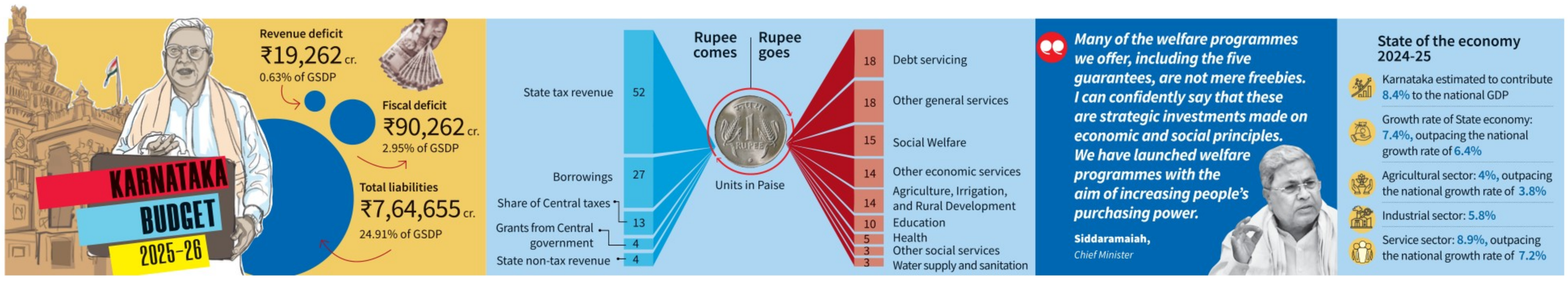

KARNATAKA
BUDGET
2025-26
Revenue deficit
₹19,262 cr.
0.63% of GSDP
Fiscal deficit
₹90,262 cr.
2.95% of GSDP
Total liabilities
₹7,64,655 cr.
24.91% of GSDP
Rupee comes
Rupee goes
State tax revenue 52
Borrowings 27
Share of Central taxes 13
Grants from Central government 4
State non-tax revenue 4
Units in Paise
18 Debt servicing
18 Other general services
15 Social Welfare
14 Other economic services
14 Agriculture, Irrigation, and Rural Development
10 Education
5 Health
3 Other social services
3 Water supply and sanitation
Many of the welfare programmes we offer, including the five guarantees, are not mere freebies. I can confidently say that these are strategic investments made on economic and social principles. We have launched welfare programmes with the aim of increasing people's purchasing power.
Siddaramaiah,
Chief Minister
State of the economy 2024-25
Karnataka estimated to contribute 8.4% to the national GDP
Growth rate of State economy: 7.4%, outpacing the national growth rate of 6.4%
Agricultural sector: 4%, outpacing the national growth rate of 3.8%
Industrial sector: 5.8%
Service sector: 8.9%, outpacing the national growth rate of 7.2%

Monsoon effect: Agri sector sees 4% growth

Sector has outpaced this year's national agricultural growth rate of 3.8%, mainly owing to good agricultural production in the kharif season

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

Karnataka's agriculture sector, which had slipped into a negative growth of - 4.9% in 2023-24 after being hit by drought, has shown signs of recovery by registering a growth of 4% in 2024-25 following good rainfall. The sector's growth has outpaced this year's national agricultural growth rate of 3.8%, mainly owing to the good agricultural production in the 2024 kharif season.

Enthused by this, the State has now taken up an exercise of making agro-climatic zones more pragmatic by initiating the process of "re-delineation" of existing classification of climate zones in the State in the wake of recent natural calamities. An expert committee is being formed to look into it as the existing classification was fixed several years ago. The State 10 agro-climatic zones. It has been decided to develop plots of integrated farming system as a model in each of the 10 agro-climatic zones.

The Budget has proposed to build 12,000 more farm ponds under the flagship Krishi Bhagya programme. FILE PHOTO

The Budget has given emphasis on dryland farming as it has announced that a comprehensive rain-fed agriculture policy will be implemented to make it sustainable.

About 64% of the cultivated area in the State is rain-fed and Karnataka is next to Rajasthan in terms of large tracts of drought-prone land.

In addition, the Budget has proposed to build 12,000 more farm ponds under the flagship Krishi Bhagya programme to provide irrigation at critical stages of crop development. A sum of ₹440 crore is being provided to 1.81 lakh farmers for adoption of micro irrigation system.

A scheme is being formulated under the public-private partnership model to promote horticulture tourism, floriculture, ornamental crops, and medicinal plants production in selected farms and nurseries under the Horticulture Department.

To help farmers and policy makers make accurate decisions on crops to improve productivity, the Budget has proposed to establish digital agricultural service centres.

The Budget has proposed to complete land resource inventory in 11 lakh hectares in the current year under the World Bank-assisted Rejuvenation of Watershed for Agriculture Resilience through innovative Development (REWARD) scheme.

In all, the allocation to agriculture and allied sectors has been increased from the ₹44,000 crore in the previous year to ₹51,339 crore now.

Yettinahole scheme: Water from all 8 weirs to be lifted this year

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

The Budget has said that water from all the available eight weirs will be lifted and supplied up to 241-km chainage this year under the Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Scheme aimed at providing drinking water to seven parched districts.

So far, water has been lifted from the gravity canal and supplied up to 32.5-km chainage.

Pointing out that preparatory works under the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir Scheme had been completed, the Budget stated that the project will be implemented as soon as the necessary clearances are received.

"In anticipation of clearances from the Union government regarding the usage of 3.90 tmcft water under the Kalasa-Banduri Canal Diversion Project, a contract has been awarded with certain conditions. Works will be commenced as soon as the necessary approval is received from the Central government," the Budget also pointed out.

The Budget has taken a dig at the Central government by pointing out that the grant of ₹5,300 crore announced in the 2023-24 Union Budget for the Upper Bhadra Project has not been released.

CM cuts allocation for education by 2%

The Chief Minister has promised to fill vacant teaching posts at government primary and high schools, besides degree and engineering colleges, and polytechnics. FILE PHOTO

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Compared to the previous Budget, the 2025-26 one cut allocation for education by 2%. In 2024-25, the Chief Minister allocated 12% in the Budget to the sector and now it has come down to 10%. The total allocation this year is ₹45,286 crore.

In this Budget, he allocated ₹419 crore for subsidy and financial assistance, which was ₹481 crore last year, which could affect scholarships and other programmes.

On the plus side, the Budget has emphasised filling vacant posts of teachers in the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) and the Higher Education Department. The Chief Minister has promised to fill vacant teaching posts at government primary and high schools, besides degree and engineering colleges, and polytechnics. Currently, 60,000 guest faculty members are working to fill the vacant teaching posts under the DSEL and the Higher Education departments.

The Chief Minister has announced 500 new Karnataka Public Schools (KPSes) at a cost of ₹2,500 crore with assistance from the Asian Development Bank. He has taken steps to upgrade 100 government higher primary schools to high schools, and 50 eligible high schools to pre-university colleges. He also announced that pre-primary classes will be started in 5,000 schools.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) based 'Kalika Deepa' programme, in collaboration with Ek-Step Foundation, will be extended to students in 2,000 schools to help them learn Kannada and English and acquire early mathematical competencies.

I-Code Labs will be set up in collaboration with the Agasthya Foundation to introduce coding for students of government schools.

The State government has decided to monitor the attendance of schoolchildren through technology under 'Nirantara' programme based on face recognition technology, the Chief Minister announced.

Bilingual sections will be started in 4,000 government schools to enhance students' fluency in English.

New medical colleges

The Chief Minister announced a constituent medical college of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Bagalkot and a medical college on public-private partnership model in Kolar.

Contracts: Decision to include Muslims in quota raises hackles

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

In a move that has the Opposition accusing the government of indulging in "appeasement politics", Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday announced that reservation will be provided to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Category-1, 2A, and 2B contractors in works up to ₹2 crore under provisions of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act. It is the inclusion of 2B (Muslims) in particular that has raised hackles.

In addition, for the first time, he has also announced that under the same Act, reservation will be provided in procurement of goods and services up to ₹1 crore under various government departments, corporations and institutions to suppliers belonging to SC, ST, Category-1, 2A, and 2B.

Six months ago, reservation was given to contractors of Category-1 and 2A in works up to ₹1 crore. Now, the Chief Minister has extended this reservation to contractors from 2B category.

However, for the first time, reservation has been provided to suppliers in the SC, ST, CA-1, 2A, and 2B categories in procurement of goods and services of up to ₹1 crore under various government departments, corporations, and institutions.

While several leaders have slammed the Congress for including the 2B category and said that such "religious-based reservation is contrary to the Constitution", Mr. Siddaramaiah hit back saying that this reservation was given under the OBC category and was not based on religious identity.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka State SC/ST Contractors' Association has welcomed this announcement. "The Chief Minister has responded to our demand, and this will give opportunity to SC, ST, CA-1, 2A, and 2B contractors in government contract works and suppliers in the procurement of goods and services," said Mahadeva Swamy N., State president of the association.

The Chief Minister has also allocated ₹42,018 crore under the Karnataka Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP), including ₹29,992 crore for SCSP and ₹12,026 crore for TSP.

Under the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Fellowship scheme, a grant of ₹1 crore fellowship will be awarded to two students getting admission into London School of Economics and Columbia University, where Ambedkar had studied.

Students belonging to SC/ST and Backward Classes studying in private medical and engineering colleges who have gotten admissions to hostels of the same college will be provided hostel expenses of ₹3,500 per month.

Budget proposes to reduce preventable maternal mortality rate to zero

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Following lessons learnt from the recent Ballari maternal deaths, it has been proposed in the State Budget to take up a ₹320-crore project on a mission mode to reduce preventable maternal mortality to zero.

Announcing this on Friday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said under the programme, obstetric services will be strengthened across Hospitals will be equipped with all necessary facilities to treat and prevent severe post-partum haemorrhage by leveraging novel digital technology, he said.

The five maternal deaths in the district hospital in Ballari in November and December last year, following caesarean section deliveries, were a wake-up call for the State health authorities.

The Health Department is now getting all maternal deaths audited by the State Technical Expert Committee. This committee's recommendations will be submitted to the State Empowered Committee and programmes to reduce maternal mortality will be formulated based on the empowered committee's directives, the Chief Minister said.

While the overall allocation for the health sector remains the same as last year at 4% (₹17,473) of the total Budget, the Chief Minister announced that a Kalyana Karnataka Comprehensive Health Scheme will be launched with a ₹873-crore budget to improve healthcare services in the region.

The five maternal deaths in the district hospital in Ballari last year were a wake-up call for the State health authorities. FILE PHOTO

Under this allocation, a pilot programme to diagnose rare metabolic disorders in prenatal babies and infants at a cost of ₹10 crore and a vaccination programme to administer human papillomavirus (HPV) to 14-year-old girls in 20 mining-affected taluks in the region at a cost of ₹9 crore will be taken up.

The Budget also proposed to extend the Gruha Arogya scheme to screen and treat six non-communicable diseases currently being implemented in Kolar district across the State at a cost of ₹100 crore and a ₹50 crore programme to control communicable diseases, such as dengue, chikungunya, and Kyasanur Forest Disease.

INBRIEF

State government to set up 24/7 tourism helpline

The State government will set up a 24/7 helpline to provide information to tourists and also increase the number of Pravasi Mitras who work in tourist destinations to 1,000. The CM announced in the Budget that the tourist destinations in 10 select districts of the State will be developed at a cost of ₹50 crore in the current financial year.

Anti-Naxal Force will be disbanded: Siddaramaiah

The Chief Minister has announced that the Anti-Naxal Force will be disbanded as Karnataka is now Naxal-free. A special package of ₹10 crore has been allocated to improve basic facilities in previously Naxal-affected areas.

Foreign language training for nursing students

Under the Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Yojane, along with the traditional skill development activities, the Chief Minister announced of providing German, Italian, Spanish, and other foreign language skill training to nursing students of the State. An international job fair will be organised in Bengaluru through the International Migration Centre to facilitate job opportunities in foreign countries.

Joida to be Karnataka's first 'organic taluk'

Joida taluk of Uttara Kannada district will be converted as the first 'organic taluk' of the State to promote sustainable organic farming, according to the State Budget. Organic certification facility will be provided to the farmers to enable them get better market for their produce.

Organic and millet hub

An organic and millet hub will be established at a cost of ₹20 crore to encourage organic and millet farming, to bridge the gap between supply and demand of these crops, and to create a suitable market facility for the farmers. It may be noted that Karnataka is popularising organic and millets produce through various initiatives including the annual international trade fairs.

Vijayapura airport to be operationalised in 2025-26

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced that the Vijayapura airport being constructed at a cost of ₹348 crore will be operationalised in 2025-26. He also said that an amount of ₹53 crore has been released for the construction works of Raichur airport being undertaken at a total project cost of ₹219 crore.

At the Karwar naval airport, he said that the land acquisition process is ongoing. For the expansion of runway at Mysuru airport, he said that a grant of ₹319 crore has been released for the land acquisition process.

Two women, including a foreigner, raped near Hampi

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Two women – a traveller, 27, from Israel and a homestay owner, 29, from Anegundi in Koppal district – were allegedly raped by three men late on Thursday when the victims were by the side of a canal after dinner.

Three other men travellers with them – from the U.S., Odisha, and Maharashtra – were attacked and pushed into a canal. One of them is still missing, according to the plaint lodged at Gangavati Rural police station on Friday morning.

The homestay owner stated said that the incident occurred when she and her guests were out stargazing with music at about 10.30 p.m. after dinner on the bank of Tungabhadra Left Bank Canal near the Durgamma Temple of Sanapur, near Hampi.

The three men arrived on a motorcycle and enquired where they could get petrol. Later, one of the three demanded ₹100 from the tourists and, on refusal, started arguing and attacking them. The complainant said that the three male tourists were pushed into the canal before she and the Israeli tourist were hit and raped. After the crime, all the accused fled. The complainant said that one of the three male tourists – Bibash from Odisha – who was pushed into the Tungabhadra Left Bank Canal was still missing. Daniel from the U.S. and Pankaj from Maharashtra managed to come out of the canal after a while. All four were admitted to a local community health centre at Gangavati.

Following the complaint, the Gangavati Rural police have registered a first information report under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Sections 64 (rape), 309 (robbery), 311 (robbery or dacoity) and others.

Superintendent of Police Ram L. Arasiddi confirmed the incident and said that the women were sent for medical examination and the reports were awaited.

MUDA case: HC quashes ED's proceedings against CM's wife, Minister Byrathi Suresh

The petitioners contended that there must exist a clear element of 'laundering' of 'proceeds of crime' but there is no transaction in the allotment of 14 sites to Ms. Parvathi to attract the offence

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a relief to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi, and Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, the High Court of Karnataka on Friday quashed the alleged money laundering proceedings initiated against them by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with alleged illegal allotment of sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Dismissing petitions

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing separate petitions filed by Ms. Parvathi and Mr. Suresh, who had challenged the case registered by the ED and the summons issued to them asking them to appear before the investigating officer for recording of their statements.

The court orally told the advocates representing the ED and the petitioners that it had followed extensively the judgment passed by another single judge, who had quashed the ED's summons and recorded statements of MUDA's former Commissioner D.B. Natesh.

It was contended on behalf of the petitioners that there must exist a clear element of "laundering" of "proceeds of crime", and in the present case, there was no transaction in allotment of 14 sites to Ms. Parvathi to attract the offence of "laundering" under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

It was also contended on behalf of Ms. Parvathi that she had surrendered the 14 sites, and she was neither in possession of nor enjoying any "so-called proceeds of crime" while questioning the haste with which the ED initiated proceedings under PMLA based on the first information report (FIR) registered by the Lokayukta police on a trial court's order in the case of alleged illegality in allotment of sites to various persons by MUDA, including those allotted to Ms. Parvathi.

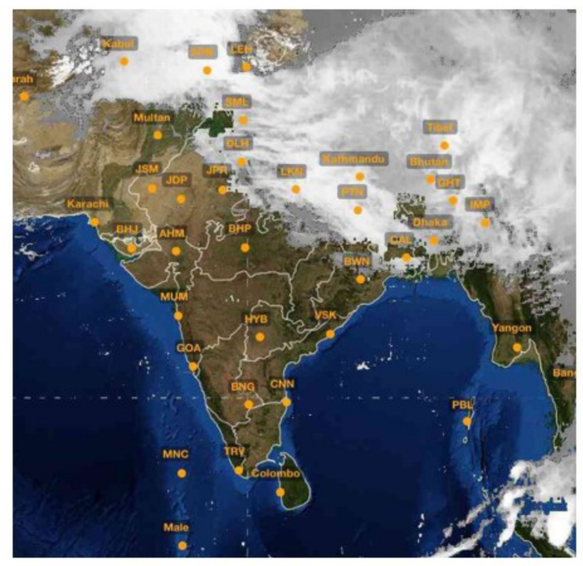
The ED, while justifying its summons, had told the court that investigation was not confined to only the allegation of allotment of 14 sites to Ms. Parvathi but also on the alleged illegalities in allotment of hundreds of sites by MUDA to various individuals, including real estate businessmen, agents, officials, and various influential individuals.

Though Ms. Parvathi was arraigned as an accused in the FIR filed by the Lokayukta police, the ED had said that it was not bound to treat her either as accused or witness at this stage, as it would depend on the evidences collected in the investigation.

On Mr. Suresh, the ED had said that an official had given a statement that he was subjected to pressure from the office of Mr. Suresh to do certain things.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Saturday: Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Sikkim. Hot and humid condition likely at isolated places over Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.6	15.9	Kozhikode	—	35.5	27.6
Ahmedabad	—	37.6	14.9	Kurnool	—	38.5	19.5
Aizawl	—	30.6	12.6	Lucknow	—	30.0	11.5
Allahabad	—	32.1	10.6	Madurai	—	38.0	23.7
Bengaluru	—	34.6	20.0	Mangaluru	—	33.6	25.6
Bhopal	—	32.6	10.5	Mumbai	—	35.8	18.2
Bhubaneswar	—	33.4	16.5	Mysuru	—	35.6	19.5
Chandigarh	—	27.6	5.8	New Delhi	—	29.5	10.2
Chennai	—	35.5	21.1	Patna	—	27.1	15.3
Coimbatore	—	36.8	23.6	Port Blair	—	32.4	23.0
Dehradun	—	26.4	9.8	Puducherry	—	34.6	22.5
Gangtok	0.4	12.9	8.8	Pune	—	39.7	18.4
Goa	—	37.0	24.0	Raipur	—	34.5	16.7
Guwahati	—	30.3	13.7	Ranchi	—	28.8	13.1
Hubballi	—	39.0	18.0	Shillong	—	22.0	11.0
Hyderabad	—	35.6	16.2	Shimla	—	20.8	8.4
Imphal	—	27.1	10.5	Srinagar	—	16.4	0.8
Jaipur	—	33.6	14.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.7	25.7
Kochi	—	32.6	26.4	Tiruchi	—	36.9	24.0
Kohima	—	20.6	10.6	Vijayawada	—	36.0	22.8
Kolkata	—	31.9	17.2	Visakhapatnam	—	33.2	23.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.71	115	28	211	159	
Bengaluru	.39	12	55	129	146	
Chennai	8	18	46	150	162	
Delhi	.18	.66	21	268	337	
Hyderabad	7	123	9	75	127	
Kolkata	.23	112	31	136	133	
Lucknow	.11	.82	63	232	184	
Mumbai	.12	113	18	172	173	
Pune	.19	164	50	229	163	
Visakhapatnam	9	.67	26	100	166	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 316 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 27

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

INBRIEF

Increase in honorarium for culling wild boars in Kerala

Amid growing incidents of man-animal conflict, a significant rise has been reported in the culling of wild boars in forest fringes of Kerala The State government on Friday increased the honorarium for shooters killing a wild boar to ₹1,500.

Two potential sites identified where workers are trapped

Ravi Reddy
HYDERABAD

A medical team from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and two cadaver dogs, which were engaged to work in the collapsed portion of the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel in Domalapenta, Nagarkurnool district of Telangana on Friday have come across two possible locations where the eight missing workers could be trapped.

Digging intensified

While one site has continuous water flow, the other requires careful excavation due to its depth. Nevertheless, the digging has been intensified, officials said on Friday.

No headway has been made so far in tracing the missing workers despite over 18 agencies working to find the missing workers since February 22.

ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ
ಆಡಳಿತ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ತಾಸಾಆ/ಹೊಕೋ/ಆಡಳಿತ/ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/06/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.03.2025

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ 100 ಹಾಸಿಗೆಗಳ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವುಳ್ಳ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ **13 ಗ್ರೂಪ್–ಡಿ ಮತ್ತು 09 ನಾನ್ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್ ಸೇವೆಗಳ ಕೆಲಸದ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗಾಗಿ** ಮಾನವ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯವರು ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಇ-procurement ಮೂಲಕ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. "E-Tender upload through this website: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**"

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **10.03.2025**. 2) ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **24.03.2025ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ**. 3) ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 1,00,000/– + ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ. 4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **26.03.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ**. 5) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ನಂತರ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. 6) **ಸ್ಥಳ** : ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಡಳಿತ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

DIPR/CP/BCPL/5539/2024-25

ಗುಲಬರ್ಗಾ ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಕಂಪನಿ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ)
ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, (ವಿ) ಕಾರ್ಯ & ಪಾಲನೆ ವೃತ್ತ, ಬಸವೇಶ್ವರ ಸರ್ಕಲ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ರಾಯಚೂರು–584101
Ph No. 9449597428 CIN:U4010KA2002SGC030436
Email: seraichur@yahoo.com Website: gescom.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಅ.ಅ(ವಿ)/ರಾ/ಕಾನಿಅ(ಕ)/ಸಕಾನಿಅ(ಕ)/2024–25/7259–62 ದಿನಾಂಕ:06–03–2025

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಿ), ಕಾ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾ ವೃತ್ತ, ಜೆಸ್ಕಾಂ, ರಾಯಚೂರು, ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಟರ್ನ್ ಕೀ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಬಿಡ್ಡದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದೇವದುರ್ಗ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ 8ಕಿ.ಮೀ 11ಕೆವಿ ಮಾರ್ಗವನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ – 110ಕೆವಿ ಗಲಗ್ ಉಪ–ಕೇಂದ್ರದಿಂದ ಮೆ॥ ಊಟಿ ಗೋಲ್ಡ್ ಮೈನ್ಸ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.03.2025 @ 11:00 ನಂತರ http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 9480844213 ಗಳ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್(ವಿ) ರಾಯಚೂರು ವೃತ್ತ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ, ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, (ವಿ)
ಕಾ &ಪಾ ವೃತ್ತ, ಜೆಸ್ಕಾಂ, ರಾಯಚೂರು

DIP/RCR/792/KSMC&A/793/2024-25

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಾದಗಿರ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಾಪಾಅ/ಪಂರಾಇಂ/ವಿಯಾ/5054/ಟೆ.ಪ್ರ/ತಾಸ–1/2024–25/2101 ದಿನಾಂಕ:06.03.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ) (ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ)

1) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ.: 1. ಶಹಾಪೂರ ತಾಲೂಕನ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಮತ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಬಿದರಾಣಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಹುರಸಗುಂಡಗಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದವರೆಗೆರರ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಿ.ಮೀ. 0.00 ರಿಂದ 1.50 2. ಶಹಾಪೂರ ತಾಲೂಕನ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಬಿದರಾಣಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಹುರಸಗುಂಡಗಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದವರೆಗೆರರ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಿ.ಮೀ. 1.50 ರಿಂದ 3.00 2) ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ:2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 5054 ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ವಿಶೇಷ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆ 3) ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 170.00 ಮತ್ತು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 180.00 ಲಕ್ಷ 4) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು 5) ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.03.2025 ರಿಂದ 15.03.2025 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ 6) ಟೆಂಡರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ:ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ (ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶಿಲ್ಕು ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲಾ) 7) ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ:15.03.2025 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ 8) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ತಾಂತ್ರೀಕ :17.03.2025 ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗೆ 11:00 ನಂತರ 9) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ: 20.03.2025 ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗೆ 11:00 ನಂತರ 10) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಳಾಸ (ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ): ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಾದಗಿರ. 11)ಅಂತರಜಾಲ ತಾಣದ ವಿಳಾಸ: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

ಸೂಚನೆ :– ಟೆಂಡರರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂದಿಸಿದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು (ರಜಾದಿನಗಳು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ).

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಯಾದಗಿರ.

ಪಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/551/ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2024–25

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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NO. BMCRC/SUP/TEND/TR&J/06/2024-25/Call-3,/303 Date: 06.03.2025

Re- e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for Supply of Medical Books and Dental Text Books, Reference books and Journals (Print) to VIMS, Ballari under Two bid system through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** of Government of Karnataka as per the KTPP Act-1999-2000. The interested bidders are request to submit Tender in above said e-portal on or before **20.03.2025** up to 5.00 PM. The total approximate cost of tender is **Rs.105.00** Lakhs. Further details may be obtained in the above said website and www.vims.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Dean & Director, BMCRC, Ballari
DIPR/Ballari/999/KSMCA/2024-25

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only Through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered agencies for the following works:
Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date and time for opening of tender
1	East-1	BWSSB/EE(East)-1/PB/5415/2024-25 Date: 04.03.2025 (Reserved for SC Category) (Call-2)	₹ 43,50,000/- / ₹ 43,500/-	13.03.2025 upto 4:00 pm	14.03.2025 after 5:00 pm
2		BWSSB/EE(East)-1/PB/5417/2024-25 Date: 04.03.2025 (Call-3)	₹ 7,42,296/- / ₹ 9,300/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (East-1)

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/MIA/5534/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Department of Commercial Taxes)
Commercial Tax Department
Office of The Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Admin), Divisional Goods and Service Taxes Office-6, B-Block, 3rd Floor, KIADB Building, 14th Cross, 4th Phase, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560058. Phone: 080-28363927,

No: JCCT (Admn)/DGSTO-6/TA/CR-18/2024-25 Date:06-03-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited separately as per K.T.P.P Act 1999 from reputed **manpower service providers to provide 21 (Twenty One) Technical Analyst's services** to the office of the Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (A), Divisional Goods and Service Taxes Office-6, K.I.A.D.B Building, 3rd floor, 14th Cross, 4th Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore–560 058 for the period of one year or till the date of recruitment of Commercial Tax Inspectors to this Department by direct recruitment which ever is earlier.

Last date to apply for tender is 15-03-2025 within 4-00 p.m. For details visit e-procurement website at: **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in https://gst.kar.nic.in/**

Sd/- Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes
DGSTO-6, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/RO/5536/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
GULBARGA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KALABURAGI
(Autonomous Institution of Govt. of Karnataka)
E-mail:directorgimsgulbarga@gmail.com Phone No 08472-260252

No. GIMS/KLB/Tender/OS-1/CR/178/2024-25/2564 Date:05-03-2025.

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement) ::

Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi invites tender for eligible bidders in bid system (Techno-commercial Bid & Financial Bid) in e-procurement 2.0 mode for providing the **Technical and Non-Technical Group C Posts Services through Manpower Agencies on Outsource basis to Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi.** Details are available in the site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date and time for upload of e-tender in E-procurement platform as follows.

1) Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website-https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in **No. GIMS/KLB/Tender/OS-1/CR/178/2024-25, Date:05/03/2025, DME/2024-25/SE0419.** 2) Last Date for Queries : **17-03-2025 at 17:00 pm**, 3) Pre-bid Meeting: **19-03-2025 at 12:30 pm**, 4) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before: **04-04-2025 at 4.30 pm**, 5) Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid: **05-04-2025 at 05:00 pm**, 6) Opening of Tenders Financial bid: **07-04-2025 at 11:30 am**, 7) Tender amount: **Rs. 4,69,70,381=00**, 8) EMD: **Rs. 9,40,000=00**, 9) Contact Details: Director, GIMS Kalaburagi veresh Nagar sedam road Kalaburagi 585105. Office Email: directorgimsgulbarga@gmail.com, Land Line:08472-260252 Cell:+91 9482093568 Tender Section Email: gimstenderklb22@gmail.com Cell:+91 9972688602

Sd/- Director,
Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1056/KSMC&A/2024-25

Forest Department
Office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry & Projects), 5th Floor, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003

No.KFD-SFAP/A1(BGT)/6/2025-Projects-KFD/E-1695953 Date: 07.03.2025

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Applications are invited for appointment of State level Adviser / Consultant on contract basis for the year 2025-26 for assisting the Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojane – Agroforestry Component of Karnataka State Project under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sl No	Post	Qualifications, Experience and Criteria	Indicative remuneration
1	State Level Adviser/ Consultant	M.Sc. (Forestry) with minimum of 5 years' experience in Agroforestry activities OR Retired Forest Officer who has served in Karnataka Forest Department with good experience of Agroforestry activities in the state with minimum qualification of M.Sc., and 30 years of service. Criteria : ➢ Consultant / Adviser will be appointed initially for one year. Based on their performance, the period may be extended on an annual basis. ➢ Should be well–versed with administrative / field knowledge ➢ Bengaluru based	Rs.65,000/- per month with Bangalore Hq.,

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Diversify now

India needs to expand its trading base to overcome global headwinds

February's sharp rise in the monthly services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), to 59, has provided a welcome relief to investors and policymakers, following the rise in GDP growth numbers, released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) for the December quarter of the current fiscal (Q3FY25). The strong rebound in the services PMI, up from 56.5 in January, which marked a 25-month low, helped offset the decline in the manufacturing PMI, which fell to a 14-month low of 56.3 in February. A PMI reading above 50 signals expansion, while anything below this indicates contraction. The PMI survey, conducted every month by S&P Global across over 40 countries, is a key indicator of economic momentum. The fact that manufacturing and services – sectors that have accounted for about 80% of India's GDP since 2010 – remain in expansion mode is positive. This resilience persists despite capital outflows from Indian markets, suggesting that the country's economic fundamentals remain strong. A more telling indicator of long-term economic strength is the quarterly earnings of the Sensex, India's benchmark index comprising 30 of the most valued and actively traded companies on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). The Q3FY25 results point to solid net profit growth for nearly all firms.

However, looming economic risks remain. The threat of reciprocal tariffs announced by United States President Donald Trump, and set to take effect on April 2, poses a challenge for the manufacturing sector. Meanwhile, the services sector is facing a different disruption: the rapid pivot to artificial intelligence (AI)-driven solutions. While the NSO reported 6.2% real GDP growth for Q3FY25, top executives from India's leading IT firms have, at an industry event in Mumbai, cautioned that growth in the sector could be as low as 5.1% in FY25, up from 3.8% in FY24. Although this may seem concerning for an industry that has enjoyed a 16% compounded annual growth rate for nearly 25 years, it still represents an increase of $29 billion, bringing the sector's expected value to $283 billion in FY25. In its 2025 Strategic Review report, NASSCOM has identified geopolitical upheavals and rising tariffs as key challenges. But business leaders at the event attributed much of the slowdown to the disruptive impact of AI, which is reducing earnings from new contracts and reshaping hiring and training practices. India's services and manufacturing sectors face a triple challenge: rapid technological transformation, increasing global protectionism, and the potential for a U.S. recession. This could have significant repercussions for India, given that the U.S. remains its largest trading partner. To navigate these headwinds, India must urgently diversify its trading base.

Himalayan tragedy

Impact of natural disasters, which are not very predictable, can be controlled

Earlier this week, Indian Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police teams rescued 23 workers who were stuck in a rubble of snow and ice, following an avalanche at Mana village, Uttarakhand. Eight workers died in the disaster, which occurred at a Border Roads Organisation construction site that had housed 54 labourers in eight containers. To say that the rescue operation was arduous would be an understatement. The rescue teams worked in a near-continuous 60-hour shift amidst heavy snowfall at an elevation of 10,500 feet above mean sea level. With the roads blocked by the snow, helicopters were used to evacuate those rescued to the Joshimath Army Hospital – five helicopters from the Indian Army, two from the Indian Air Force and one civilian copter. Along with the sheer physical effort expended in the extraction, the rescue operation employed a drone-based detection system to detect the containers that were buried under several feet of snow, ice and rock.

Avalanches in the Himalayan States, like the one in Mana, which is among the last outposts in Indian territory and close to the border with China, are not uncommon. Villagers here have historically been 'winter-migrants', which means that during the winter months the village is deserted. Coinciding with the ritual closing of the Badrinath temple in November, there is migration to villages lower down, such as Gopeshwar and Jyotirmath, for the winter, with residents returning only when the temple reopens in April or May. This is part of traditional wisdom and has a lot to do with the historical experience of the upper Himalayan stretches being prone to disasters. While these practices may have saved the resident villagers, it still raises the question as to whether the workers – several of them migrants – were adequately aware of the risks of their enterprise. Given the strategic location of the village and the need to develop improved roads for civilian and military access, there will always be a sizeable number of people engaged in activity in regions that are inherently inhospitable and risk-prone. Once disaster strikes, efforts focus on the rescue operation, and once they conclude, there is little reflection on whether preventive measures could have been taken. Avalanches cannot be predicted with precision, but steps can be taken to design containers that are safer to live in and can improve the odds of survival. There is much to learn from the way bomb shelters are imagined or how research stations at Antarctica are designed. All of this requires a greater sensitivity to workers who toil amidst hazards and not merely label these tragedies as inevitable consequences of natural disasters.

On International Women's Day, commentaries on some of the key issues in the gender space, in the print and online editions

Inclusion in public spaces — from fear to freedom

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India is often considered to be one of the most unsafe countries for women, a reality that demands urgent and deliberate change. India was ranked 128 among 177 countries rated in Women, Peace and Security Index 2023. While deeply entrenched patriarchal norms that lead to violence cannot be dismantled overnight, meaningful progress can be made by challenging the everyday barriers that women face. On International Women's Day today, it is crucial to reflect on a fundamental but an often-ignored issue – the accessibility of public spaces for women.

While the topic is deeply studied and researched in the academic world, very little has changed practically. For instance, how many women do we see on roads when compared to men at any given point of time? Which are the spaces where they are more visible? And which are the areas which they completely avoid? How freely can women walk on the streets? Or do women consciously regulate their body language to conform to the male gaze?

Gendered spatial control

It is important to understand them because public spaces serve as arenas where socio-economic life thrives and evolves through mutual interactions and collective experiences, shaping community identities and social dynamics. It is where people cultivate political identities, build livelihoods, and actively engage in community life. By enthusiastically participating in the everyday nuances of public spaces, individuals get more integrated into societal processes. Moreover, a key indicator of a place's safety is the presence of women freely choosing to relax and enjoy themselves there.

What impacts women's mobilities? Studies indicate that public spaces are both gendered and political where a majority of women are mostly confined to the private and domestic sphere. This gendered spatial control takes place in many ways. According to National Family Health Survey-4 (NFHS-4) data (2015-16), 54% of Indian women had the freedom to visit markets alone, while 50% could access health-care facilities independently, and 48% were permitted to travel outside their village or community unaccompanied.

Also, the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2023-24 indicates that the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for women is 35.6%. Even though it has risen significantly over the years, unfortunately, this highlights that more than half the female population remains outside the workforce. Therefore, while a majority of women are confined to private spaces, there is a rising number of women who are using public spaces.

Public spaces, which are arenas where socio-economic life thrives, need to be reshaped where women feel safe and welcome

However, for working women, public spaces primarily serve as transitional zones, facilitating their commute between home and workplace. These spaces are rarely utilised for leisure or recreation. Consequently, women's engagement with public spaces is purpose-driven and time-bound, reinforcing spatial restrictions that limit their presence to functional necessities rather than unrestricted social participation.

A space is truly safe and inclusive when women can navigate it freely and without hesitation. As argued in 'Why Loiter?' (Phadke, Ranade, Khan, 2011), reclaiming public spaces is not just about necessity but also about leisure and uninhibited presence. When women can move without a purpose, without urgency, without having to conform to the male gaze, they assert their right to belong, transforming public spaces into shared, equitable environments. Simply put, women should be able to just exist in public spaces.

The issue of safety

During such instances, the issue of women's safety becomes a pressing concern. However, it is crucial to acknowledge that violence against women is not confined to public spaces as many face threats even within their homes which is considered to be a comparatively safer space. In open spaces, the risk of gendered violence from multiple strangers is high. This has reinforced the belief that women need protection, ultimately restricting their autonomy. As a result, women are largely found in curated spaces such as malls, theatres, and cafes, where the likelihood of violence is perceived to be lower. But what about women on footpaths, bus stations, or narrow streets – just a group of girls sitting around and having fun?

Street amusement where women are the participants is not a normal sight. Everyday public spaces – those that men navigate freely – continue to be unwelcoming to women. The fact that women cannot simply exist in these spaces without discomfort or fear raises a critical question. What is fundamentally flawed in the design of public spaces that prevents women from fully claiming and navigating them as their own? It is here that the community and the government can be great enablers. As a society, we must acknowledge and accept the fact that public spaces offer a sense of freedom. Yet, this very freedom often translates to a loss of control for families over women's mobility. Risk is inevitable but avoiding public spaces is not the solution. Men are subjected to street violence as well, even though their nature of vulnerability is different from that of women. Women need to reclaim these spaces with the same ease as men, fostering autonomy rather than restriction. For this, women should have more conversations about this problem, take out time to go around and 'hang out' and have fun in public spaces. Normalising a woman's use of public space for leisure can contribute to this shift.

Policy level changes

At the policy level, the government can drive change by reimagining public space planning and design. This includes improving street lighting, ensuring safe and accessible public toilets, installing street furniture such as benches, and creating more recreational spaces tailored for women. Another critical area requiring government intervention is strengthening public safety through stringent laws and their effective enforcement to address crimes against women in public spaces. How many men are actually punished for gender-based violence in public spaces? How many secure bail, only to repeat their crimes? The low conviction rate remains a glaring issue that must be addressed. Even today, women are often blamed for being in the "wrong place at the wrong time", shifting the focus from the perpetrator to the victim. Society places the burden of safety on women while simultaneously excusing or downplaying the actions of offenders. This not only fosters a culture of impunity but also reinforces a gendered fear that serves as a tool for patriarchal control.

So, by consciously reshaping public spaces, we can create environments where women feel safe and truly welcome. While centuries of patriarchy cannot be dismantled overnight, meaningful change begins with small, everyday actions. From the built environment of public space to societal attitudes, every shift, no matter how gradual, brings us closer to an inclusive society where women can navigate and own public spaces freely, without fear or restriction.

An equitable future for women in science, in India

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Women in science navigate a minefield of challenges that often start early. Educational barriers, such as limited access to quality schools and gendered societal norms, can discourage girls from pursuing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). For those who persist and are fortunate to get past these early hurdles, cultural expectations frequently demand that they prioritise family over careers, severely jeopardising professional growth. Gender stereotypes further restrict opportunities, affecting hiring, promotions and funding. Harassment and discrimination in academic settings add another dimension of hostility that push many women out of the field.

A study of STEM scientists

Globally, as well as in India, we see similar patterns. A study of STEM scientists across 38 countries reveals higher attrition rates for women, driven by non-inclusive workplaces, work-life balance struggles, and limited access to high-impact research.

These barriers slow career progression and reduce access to senior roles and professional networks, increasing dropout rates. The postdoc-to-faculty transition is especially challenging for women, with familial responsibilities, low confidence, and a lack of female role models cited as key factors, as highlighted by research from the National Institutes of Health.

These barriers compel us to consider why it is vital to prioritise the retention of women in science. Diverse teams drive creativity and innovation, leading to breakthroughs by integrating multiple perspectives. More women in science also results in role models for future generations, inspiring girls to pursue STEM. Promoting equity ensures that women can contribute fully to scientific progress, enriching society with a more inclusive workforce.

This conversation has progressed little over the centuries. The "Matilda Effect" – named after 19th-century feminist Matilda Joslyn Gage – describes the tendency to downplay or overshadow women's scientific contributions in favour of their male colleagues, highlighting the historic struggle for proper recognition of women's innovations. Nearly 200 years later, gender inequity in STEM persists. Jacob Clark Blickenstaff's "leaky pipeline" metaphor describes women dropping out of STEM due to biased pedagogy, a lack of role models, and hostile workplaces. Critiqued as somewhat simplistic, this model does not consider systemic power dynamics. A more recent "Chutes and Ladders" model focuses on broader structural and environmental barriers, highlighting how mentorship, access to hidden knowledge, and career disruptions disproportionately hinder women, minorities, and marginalised groups, emphasising the need to address inequities within academic systems.

With India continuing to push the boundaries of scientific and technological advancement, it must ensure the full inclusion of women in this journey

A survey across India

Examining these concepts is particularly valuable in the context of India, where conservative attitudes abound. In an extensive survey across 98 institutions across India conducted in 2020-21, the proportion of women faculty members across all the fields was a mere 17%, ranging from 23% in biology to 8% in engineering. The proportion was even lower within higher-ranked institutions, with dwindling ratios within senior career faculty. The data showed that women scientists were vastly under-represented at conferences and often overlooked in career-enhancing activities.

Addressing these challenges demands a reimagined approach that embraces diverse career paths and involves policymakers, institutions, and the scientific community in fostering inclusivity, particularly for underrepresented and economically disadvantaged women. Approaches vary based on the timing of intervention. Early intervention, engaging parents, educators, and the broader social environment, is key to lasting impact.

We propose three key recommendations to improve the retention of women in STEM at the early- and mid-career levels. First, institutional changes such as flexible work options, affordable childcare, and policies supporting work-family integration are essential. Second, public recognition of both triumphs and obstacles is crucial. Showcasing successful women in science challenges stereotypes, inspires the next generation, and reinforces the need for greater visibility and representation. At the same time, calling out setbacks, as exemplified by BiasWatchIndia, can drive incremental progress by exposing gender inequities in academia. Finally, a nuanced approach across career stages is crucial, eliminating age restrictions on grants, fostering mentorship networks, supporting career re-entry after a break for family or personal reasons, and amplifying senior women's voices in leadership and decision-making.

Interventions

The Indian government has taken significant steps to advance gender equity in science and technology. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) launched the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI) pilot in 2020 to foster an inclusive environment for women and gender-diverse individuals in STEM, supporting participation-boosting initiatives such as the Women in Science and Engineering-Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing, or WISE-KIRAN, and the Women Scientists Scheme (WOS) programmes. Noteworthy efforts include the Department of Biotechnology's Biotechnology Career Advancement and Re-orientation (BioCARe) programme, which supports women scientists returning to research after career breaks.

Additionally, the Indian Council of Medical Research spearheads several programmes promoting women's health and training for women scientists. While these initiatives reflect progress, they must scale into broader reforms to ensure that women scientists are recognised, empowered, and valued.

As India continues to push the boundaries of scientific and technological advancement, the full inclusion of women in this journey is not only a matter of fairness but also an example of true progress that can set a powerful example for the world to emulate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump and MAGA

U.S. President Donald Trump follows an unorthodox way of administration. Many of his policies are totally impractical. He cannot alienate the entire world and run America. His tantrums against Canada, proposed annexation of Greenland, and tariff war with China and Europe are some of the policies which are unwarranted and unworkable. There appears to be brewing discontent among the very American people whom he says are to benefit from his policies. Mr. Trump should not be swayed by the advice of Elon Musk. Mr. Trump should remember that the Americans voted for him and not Mr. Musk.

T. Anand Raj,
Chennai

Mr. Trump's imposition of tariffs followed by quick deferment shows a hesitancy as well an attempt to shake up the system. His MAGA frenzy and vindictive attitudes need to soften. Though his attempts to end wars are laudable, his offensive actions will hurt American interests.

Rajarao Kumar,
Bengaluru

Three languages

Language is always an emotive issue and the Union government should understand the implications of forcing students in South India to study three languages under the National Education Policy. States should be given more freedom in formulating higher education policies. Even if three languages are to be studied, the condition that the third language should be an Indian language should be scrapped. The BJP State unit should convince its central leadership on the need to understand the feelings of people of Tamil Nadu.

P. Radhakrishnan,
Coimbatore

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Mohammed Iqbal, the father of Mohammed Shahabaz; and Shahabaz's uncle, Mujeeb Rahman, attend a prayer meet. K. RAGESH

A party, a street fight, and the death of a boy

On March 1, Mohammed Shahabaz, a Class 10 student in Kozhikode district, succumbed to the injuries he had sustained during a street fight between students a few days prior. Six students have been nabbed by the police in connection with the incident. **Mithosh Joseph** reports on the ongoing police investigation in the case and the increasing worries about minors in conflict with the law

With his hands folded and eyes partly closed, Mohammed Iqbal, 47, is immersed in prayer. Clad in a white shirt and dhoti at his ancestral home in Thamarassery, a village in Kerala's Kozhikode district, Iqbal is at a religious ritual for the third day. He is mourning the death of his eldest son, Mohammed Shahabaz, 15. When he starts chanting prayers, tears roll down his cheeks. His relatives stand around him. "His wife and three children have not accepted the fact that Shahabaz is no more," one of them says.

Iqbal, who had toiled for years as a daily wage labourer abroad, says his eldest son was really smart. "He performed well in school. He would make electronic toys. He loved playing sports. He always took care of his younger siblings. I couldn't even buy him a mobile phone, as I was short of money," he says. Iqbal vows to fight until death to secure justice for his son.

Shahabaz, a Class 10 student at a government-aided school at Elettil village, died on March 1 after he was brutally assaulted during a clash between two groups of teenagers at Thamarassery in Kozhikode on February 27. His death led to widespread protests by the Youth Congress, the Kerala Students' Union, and the Muslim Students Federation, among others. These organisations allege that Shahabaz was murdered and that there was a conspiracy behind his death. The Kerala government described the incident as "unfortunate" and said a comprehensive investigation would be conducted. The Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights also registered a suo motu case on the incident.

A deathly brawl

The problem began on February 23, when there was an argument between the students of two schools – Muhammedali Jauhar Higher Secondary School, Elettil; and Government Vocational Higher Secondary School, Thamarassery – at Trizz, a local training centre in Thamarassery, according to trainers at the centre. There was a farewell party for Class 10 students from the two schools that day at the centre. When the music that was being played for a dance performance at the party stopped due to technical glitches, students from the Thamarassery school laughed, and this led to a heated argument between the students of the two schools, say trainers.

The students met again on February 27 at the centre. "Shahabaz was not a student at Trizz, but he came to the spot along with his friends from the Muhammedali School to settle scores with the students from Thamarassery," says a trainer. Witnesses say the first clash between the two groups took place along a dingy corridor of a building complex near the tuition centre. When the locals intervened, the students moved to other spots. They clashed four times in front of about 50 students at the centre, say locals.

"The students from both the schools began assembling near the tuition centre at around 4.30 in the evening. The clash broke out around 5.30 and went on till 7," recall Siddique and Shukkur, two tea shop owners who saw the brawl. According to them, after the students fought the first time, teachers from the tuition centre intervened and forced the students to disperse.

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> **J. MINI**
> Headmistress
> Muhammedali Jauhar Higher Secondary School at Elettil

Hajira and Jaseera, who run a stitching unit near the incident spot, say they heard loud noises around the building but they were too scared to intervene. "We thought that this was a minor quarrel between the students as such incidents happen sometimes. We never thought that it would lead to this," Hajira says.

K.K. Akhilesh, the head of the tuition centre, says the five students who were nabbed the next day by the police in connection with the incident, based on a complaint by Shahabaz's parents, had not turned up for classes that day and were waiting outside the centre. "They did not have any criminal background, nor were they aggressive. They were good students who studied hard," Akhilesh says. A sixth student was nabbed in connection with the incident on March 4.

When Shahabaz sustained a head injury and collapsed, the tuition centre trainers and locals called his family, who rushed him to the Thamarassery taluk hospital. There, he was referred to the Kozhikode Medical College, according to the police. Shahabaz had become unconscious after several episodes of vomiting and also had severe wounds in his eyes. He succumbed to injuries on March 1. That evening, he was laid to rest at the Kedavoor Juma Masjid Khabar Sthan.

Murmurs of a conspiracy

According to the postmortem report, Shahabaz had suffered a deep head injury and a fractured skull. The police later found that he had been attacked with a *nunchaku*, a martial arts weapon consisting of two sticks. The police say one of the six students involved in the incident had brought the weapon, which had been in the possession of his older brother, with him.

Anger built up when a photo emerged showing the father of one of the accused alongside a convict in the 2012 murder of Revolutionary Marxist Party leader, T.P. Chandrasekharan. Further, the police say they found a WhatsApp group that was created by the six accused. They say the messages on the group of 60 people and another Instagram group showed that the six boys had been planning the clash for more than four days. The police recovered a laptop, four phones, and the weapon from the houses of the accused.

Student activists stage a protest in front of the government observation home in Kozhikode. K. RAGESH

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> Senior police officer

A senior police officer says the accused show no repentance. "They had discussed everything on a social media group and even posted details of the *nunchaku* that was brought to the spot. The voice messages sent by some of the students on the group clearly explained the plan. The messages indicate a dangerous criminal trend among adolescents," he says.

P. Jayesh, a professional karate trainer, says the *nunchaku* is banned in several countries, but not in India. "If people simply watch some demonstration videos and use it, they may use it crudely. This can lead to an unpredictable outcome. There should be a proper vigil against the misuse of such weapons," he says.

Iqbal worries about the probe. "One of the key accused is the son of a policeman, while a few others are the children of politically influential people," he says.

The police have charged the teenagers under Sections 103(1) (murder), 118(2) (causing grievous hurt using dangerous weapons), 126(2) (wrongful restraint), 189(2) (unlawful assembly), 191(2) (rioting), and 190 (every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023. They say more sections of the BNS are likely to be invoked once the probe is completed and the final report submitted. The police have also reached out to Meta and other social media platforms to collect evidence.

A recurring phenomenon

Some traders say that students from the two schools, located nearly 7 kilometers apart, have been fighting for years on various issues, such as sports and cultural programmes. They even have a name for it – 'Friday Thallumala', an act of revenge. Some local traders also sought action from the police a few months ago, to end the street scuffles that took place on Fridays.

The incident and investigation have largely affected the two schools and their students and teachers. Mohammed Basheer, headmaster of the Government Vocational Higher Secondary School, Thamarassery, is in tears. All the six students who have been held are from his school. "The school has been putting up a good performance. Now, everyone is shaken. This is my last year in my career as a teacher and this happens," he says, sitting in his office room.

The situation is no different at the Muhammedali Jauhar Higher Secondary School at Elettil, where the students are mourning the death of their close friend and struggling to focus on exams. One of them says, "Shahabaz was a tech-savvy student." Another says, "Shahabaz was athletic and was active in the school football team." Two Class 10 students say Shahabaz was never part of any gang and never got into trouble. Teachers also echo these sentiments,.

J. Mini, the headmistress of the school, says the school authorities have arranged for counselling sessions for Shahabaz's classmates to help them cope with the trauma. She also worries about this becoming more common: "There are many deviant characters these days, who are a big concern for teachers. We are helpless; we cannot combat the issue alone. Throughout the State, we are seeing such unhealthy developments. Incidents of substance abuse and related crimes are also increasing. It is time for stronger interventions."

The students involved in the incident were shifted to a government observation home in Kozhikode and allowed to write the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) exam. This has led to protests by students' organisations.

Iqbal, too, is furious with the Education Department. "A special exam centre with police protection should not have been sanctioned by the government inside the observation home. It was humiliating for us when the boys wrote their exams so comfortably when my son, who was also supposed to write the SSLC exam, was being buried," he told politicians who visited him.

Iqbal says he received the biggest shock when he found out that one of Shahabaz's former close friends participated in the assault. The boy had studied with Shahabaz for about seven years in another school and had even visited Shahabaz's home and shared meals with him. The two of them had moved to different schools after Class 8. Class photos of the two students have been recovered and support the father's claims, according to the police.

District Police Chief (Kozhikode rural) K.E. Baiju says the police have taken all possible legal action, as part of their investigation. He says they cannot endorse any stand that advocates curtailing the right of students to write exams, as this would be unconstitutional. Baiju also says the police will investigate more to track all those who were part of the "conspiracy".

"The students involved in the incident were not found to have the thoughts of ordinary students. Our investigation indicates that this was a well-planned attack," he adds.

Juvenile Justice Board member Mohan Kumar says the trial will be conducted immediately after the police submit the final investigation report. "All the legal procedures have been followed as the involved students are minors. They can also move for bail complying with the existing rules and regulations," Kumar says.

Distressing figures

'Kaval' is a programme implemented by the Department of Women and Child Development with support from the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru. It focuses on the rehabilitation and social reintegration of children in conflict with the law through a psychosocial approach. Data with Kaval shows that 2,274 children in the 14-18 age group attended counselling sessions between April 2023 and March 2024. Of them, about 100 were involved in murder attempt cases and about 800 in various cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. The majority of the children did not have any criminal background and at least 1,600 of them were from rural areas. More than 1,750 of them came from families below the poverty line. Only 296 students were found to have behavioral issues.

Dr. P.N. Suresh Kumar, a psychiatrist, points out that only a multi-dimensional approach with a focus on reducing adolescents' exposure to violent content on social media and films will help society address the issue. "The unrestricted exposure to violence affects the frontal lobe of the brain that controls thoughts, movements, and social skills," he says. Teachers should work with the Health Department to screen adolescents with behavioral issues, Dr. Suresh Kumar adds.

An official from the Department of Education says there are ongoing discussions on the formation of a State-level intervention module. Kerala is also trying to strengthen existing projects such as 'Our Responsibility to Children' and 'Student Police Cadets'. A meeting of the heads of various schools will be convened before the next academic year to finalise the action plan, he adds.

Shahabaz's uncle, Mujeeb Rahman, says he was close to his nephew. "He would ask me for money for his electronic experiments. He had the freedom to ask me anything. We used to travel together when he had school vacations. He was not a child with any criminal tendencies; he was a creative and imaginative boy," he says.

Another uncle, Najeeb, says the family will meet the Chief Minister and senior police officers and demand that everyone responsible for the boy's death be arrested. "No parent should have to go through the trauma of seeing their child being killed," he says.

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From Page One

Stalin asks other CMs to join JAC on delimitation

Recalling an all-party meeting recently held in Chennai, Mr. Stalin said the attendees had resolved to stand united in defence of "our constitutional rights, demanding a fair delimitation." They had also resolved to form a JAC and reach out to all States which "potentially face the same threat," he said.

Post 2026, the situation may become drastically skewed if the delimitation exercise is based on the next Census, Mr. Stalin argued. "Those States which controlled their population and achieved superior governance indicators will face an unjust punishment – reduced representation in the very forum where national policies are determined."

Once implemented, this democratic imbalance could persist for decades, leaving these States with diminished capacity to advocate for their people's interests, secure rightful resources, and influence critical national decisions, he said. "For the record, we are not against delimitation itself. What we oppose is its weaponisation against States that fulfilled their national duties, thus punishing progress," he clarified.

EC to fix duplicate voter ID numbers issue in 3 months

Poll panel promises to resolve the problem after discussions with technical teams and Chief Electoral Officers; Opposition parties demand to know why it was not addressed for decades

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NEW DELHI

Amid the controversy over duplicate voter ID Card numbers issued to some electors, the Election Commission (EC) on Friday said it would resolve the matter in the next three months by ensuring a unique national EPIC number to all voters.

The Trinamool Congress, which had first raised the issue of duplicate voter IDs, was quick to react saying "the EC has admitted and accepted their guilt today".

Electors Photo Identification Card or the EPIC number is the 10-digit number issued by the EC to each voter.

On February 27, West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee had alleged that the BJP was ruling at the Centre "with the blessings of the Election Commission of India" adding voters from other States to the West Bengal voters' list.

She said there were multiple voters with the same EPIC numbers.

In its statement on Friday, the Commission said that a sample enquiry of over 100 electors reveals that electors with duplicate EPIC numbers are genuine electors. "Since the allotment of EPIC series in the year 2000 to the States/UTs, some EROs [electoral registration officers] did not use the correct series. The issue of allotment of duplicate numbers due to incorrect series across States/UTs could not have been detected as the States/UTs were independently managing the electoral roll databases," it said.

The poll body said that it has now decided to resolve this long pending issue after detailed discussions within the technical teams and concerned Chief Electoral Officers in the next three months by ensuring a unique national EPIC number to the existing electors having a duplicate EPIC number and for future electors as well.

It said that if any person has any objection, he has the option to file the first appeal to the District Magistrate/ District Collector/ Executive Magistrate under Section 24(a) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

Even if the person is not satisfied with the decision of the first appellate authority, a second appeal to the Chief Electoral Officer of the concerned State/UT is allowed.

Rejecting the EC's response as a "feeble and duplicitous explanation", the empowered action group of leaders and experts (EAGLE) of the Congress had several posers for the poll panel.

The party said that the EC, in a letter issued on September 18, 2008, to Chief Electoral Officers of all States, had said that "voter IDs are unique".

"However, the EC today says, the issue of duplicate voter IDs is a decades-long issue," the empowered group said.

Further, the party asked why the EC was speaking of cleaning up the voter list 17 years later and "was the ECI then all along misrepresenting to the voters of India that their voter IDs were unique".

Raising concerns: A delegation of the Trinamool Congress had met the Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal on Thursday. ANI

EC failed in duty, says Trinamool Congress

KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress on Friday said that Election Commission had failed in its duty. "After offering flimsy clarifications, @ECISVEEP finally admits to manipulating the voter list. Now, in a last-ditch attempt at damage control, they claim they will "fix the issue" in 3 months," the Trinamool Congress said on X, posting from its official handle. Trinamool Congress MP Saket Gokhale posted on X, "All of this has happened because CM Mamata Banerjee nailed the lies of the ECI and exposed this scam". Why was nothing done for 25 years, he demanded.

Opposition to raise delimitation, voter ID issues in Parliament

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Several parties to back Trinamool Congress' call for a debate on electoral photo identity cards

The second part of the Budget Session that resumes in Parliament on Monday is expected to be a noisy one, with the Opposition parties preparing to train the spotlight on electoral rolls and delimitation.

The Trinamool Congress wants a detailed debate on the Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) issue, which was recently raised by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Several Opposition parties, including the Shiv Sena (UBT), Left parties, and the Samajwadi Party will join the cause, while the DMK will focus on the impending delimitation exercise.

The Congress, so far, has not taken a call on its strategy for the session. The Congress Parliamentary Strategy group is meeting to discuss its stand only on Monday evening.

Trinamool's Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien said the problems in the electoral rolls, especially the party's recent revelations on the duplicate EPIC numbers was not an issue that belonged to one political party. "This is an issue that concerns every citizen of India. There has to be free and fair elections," Mr. O'Brien said, adding that there would be a "collaborative effort" from the Opposition to raise this issue.

The Samajwadi Party will back the Trinamool's call. "In a democracy, it is crucial that the agency which conducts the elections works without any prejudice and bias. In the last few years, several questions have been raised on the way our elections have been conducted, from denying voting rights to a certain section to duplicate EPIC numbers," the SP's Rajya Sabha MP Javed Ali Khan said.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut confirmed that his party would support the demand for a debate. Mr. Raut, along with Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and NCP leader Supriya Sule had recently addressed a press conference on the "unusual addition" of voters in the Maharashtra electoral rolls.

Senior CPI(M) leader and Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas said, "There are numerous pertinent issues of transparency with regard to the functioning of the Election Commission. The Left parties want to take up the whole gamut of issues concerning independence of the EC."

The DMK's Rajya Sabha leader Tiruchi Siva said that for his party and State, the lack of clarity on delimitation was one of the top priority issues. The Biju Janata Dal (BJD), while supporting both the issues, said its primary focus would be on the delay in conferring special category status on Odisha.

Teach engineering, MBBS in Tamil: Shah

B. Kolappan
THAKKOLAM

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday urged Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin to impart medical and engineering education in Tamil. Addressing the 56th CISF Raising Day at the newly named Rajaditya Cholan Recruits Training Centre (RTC) here in Ranipet district of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Shah said various States had offered courses in their regional language.

His suggestion comes amid Mr. Stalin's allegation that the Union government was trying to impose Hindi on the southern States through the National Education Policy.

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister too should take steps to teach medical and technical courses in Tamil. "It will benefit Tamil medium students along with strengthening Tamil as a mother tongue," he said.

Incidentally, Tamil Nadu had introduced Tamil medium BE/BTech courses in 2010 under the Karunanidhi government.

Praising Tamil Nadu, Mr. Shah said whether it was "administrative reforms, achieving spiritual heights, setting educational standards, or promoting the message of unity and integrity of the country", the State had greatly strengthened Indian culture in every field.

Zelenskyy renews call for air truce

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Russia launched a "massive" drone and missile attack on Ukrainian energy facilities on Friday, as President Volodymyr Zelenskyy renewed calls for a mutual halt to aerial attacks on critical infrastructure. The call from Mr. Zelenskyy to halt aerial bombardments on energy facilities builds on growing rhetoric from Kyiv, Washington, and Moscow on halting the war, now in its fourth year.

The Ukrainian leader said the first steps to establishing real peace should be stopping both Russian and Ukrainian aerial and naval attacks.

"Ukraine is ready to go the way of peace, and it is Ukraine that wants peace from the very first second of this war. The task is to force Russia to stop the war," he wrote in a post on social media.

The Russian Defence Ministry confirmed on Friday it had carried out "precision" strikes on energy facilities, claiming they support the Ukrainian military.

Proposed march raises tensions in Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A peace march proposed on Saturday, timed to coincide with the Centre's deadline for the start of 'free movement' on the highways, has put Manipur on the boil again.

Security has been heightened in the State's Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley and the surrounding hills inhabited mostly by the tribal Kuki-Zo communities, ahead of a potentially volatile "march to the hills" planned by the Federation of Civil Societies (FOCS). The valley-based umbrella body claimed that the march is a peace-building initiative, following Union Home Minister Amit Shah's directive to allow unrestricted movement on the roads linking Imphal to the rest of the country from Saturday. The State administration has announced the resumption of bus and helicopter services from Saturday.

Kuki-Zo organisations, however, said the proposed march was a "dangerous provocation", and warned FOCS members against setting foot on the tribal hills.

An FOCS spokesperson said the organisation has no plans to call off the march. "Manipur has suffered a bloody conflict for almost two years. It is time to give peace a chance, and there cannot be any better opportunity than this, especially when the State is under President's Rule and the Centre wants free movement," the FOCS spokesperson said.

Former aide tried to shoot Sita Soren: police

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

An attempt to murder BJP leader and former MLA Sita Soren was foiled by her security guards on Thursday in Jharkhand's Dhanbad district, the police said.

As per a police complaint, Ms. Soren was staying at a hotel to attend a wedding. When she returned to her room after the function, the accused, Debashish Ghosh, a former personal assistant, pointed a pistol at her before her guards intervened.

The police recovered two pistols from Mr. Ghosh, who was produced in a Dhanbad court on Friday, before being sent to judicial custody.

The police are also questioning the hotel staff.

According to sources, Ms. Soren and Mr. Ghosh had a dispute over misuse of funds meant for the Jharkhand Assembly election held in November 2024, over which she had sacked him.

Supreme Court lists Pegasus case for hearing on April 22

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear on April 22 petitions alleging that the Indian establishment used Israeli military grade spyware to snoop on personalities across a spectrum of politicians, activists, and journalists.

A Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant said all the petitions in the case would be listed together in April. When the case was called,

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said the case was coming up after a gap of over two years.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the petitioner side, brought to the court's notice that only two petitions were listed for hearing on Friday. The Bench directed the entire batch to be listed on April 22. Petitioners include senior journalists N. Ram and Shashi Kumar who had sought a fair probe.

Earlier, a court-appointed panel had detected malware in some of the phones examined, but could not confirm the presence of Pegasus.

ED arrests WTC Group promoter

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has arrested Ashish Bhalla, promoter of WTC Group in connection with a ₹3,000-crore real estate fraud case. According to the ED, people were duped on the false promise of returns for their investment against plots/commercial space. These funds were siphoned off to shell companies to acquire land at various locations.

Leaders from Meitei and Thadou groups meet in New Delhi

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Leaders representing the diaspora Meitei community and representatives of the Thadou community met in the national capital on Friday to arrive at an "understanding" for peaceful coexistence in Manipur. They issued a joint statement in this regard at a press conference.

While the Thadou community is one of the Scheduled Tribes of Manipur, commonly understood to be part of the Kuki-Zo group involved in the ongoing ethnic conflict, the leaders representing the Thadou Inpi Manipur (TIM) insisted that they are "separate" from the Kukis.

However, the Thadou leaders asserted that "this is not a peace agreement. It is a community understanding."

General secretary of TIM, Michael Lamjathang Haokip, and president of TIM, James Thadou, were present at the meeting, which was held with representatives of the Meitei Alliance, a coalition of civil society organisations representing Meitei people outside of Manipur.

Mr. Haokip said their body is not opposed to the idea of a separate administration, the principal demand of the Kuki-Zo communities, saying, "any community can demand peacefully what they want in terms of democratic rights. Other communities are doing the same too. Let them pursue it."

In the statement, the Meitei Alliance and TIM said they had agreed on preserving Manipur as a "harmonious multi-ethnic society" and on updating the National Register of Citizens so that "original inhabitants, including all its original communities", can be recognised.

Kathua court directs police to lodge FIR on man's death

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

A court has directed the Jammu and Kashmir Police to lodge a First Information Report (FIR) on the death of Makhan Din, 26, who allegedly died by suicide after facing torture in police custody in Kathua's Billawar area in February this year. Meanwhile, three civilians were reported missing from Billawar on Friday and remain untraced.

The court order was passed after two separate applications were filed by the victim's father, Mureed, and wife, Juna Begum. "We placed our arguments, including the dying declaration before the court. The court observed that it was prima facie a cognisable matter of serious nature and referred to custodial torture too," Appu Singh Salathia, lawyer representing the victim's kin, said.

Omar Abdullah announces slew of welfare measures in ₹1.12 lakh cr. budget for J&K

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday presented ₹1.12 lakh crore budget for the Union Territory and announced a slew of sops for the poorest of the poor.

The Opposition parties, however, expressed disappointment over the government's failure to reach out to the middle class and unemployed youth.

"This Budget is a road map for a new and prosperous J&K," Mr. Abdullah said.

The total budget estimates for the fiscal 2025-26 was pegged at ₹1,12,310 crore.

Presenting his maiden Budget as the Finance Minister, he reached out to those registered under the Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY). Among the sops announced included free ration of 10 kilogram per person to AAY beneficiaries, enhancement in financial assistance under the Marriage Assistance Scheme from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000 for AAY category girls, 200 units of free electricity per month to all AAY families.

High hopes: Omar Abdullah during the Budget session of the J&K Assembly in Jammu on Friday. PTI

Mr. Abdullah announced an enhancement in pension amounts, benefiting 10,07,324 individuals. For women, all government-owned public transport buses, including e-buses, will be free. Stamp duty on property gifted to blood relatives has been reduced to zero.

The PDP said the budget "exposes a massive gap between promises made in the election manifesto and the reality. The promise of 200 units of free electricity for every household was nothing but an election gimmick".

India tells U.K. to act firmly against those involved in Jaishankar's security breach

Concerns conveyed during a meeting with the British Charge d'Affaires in New Delhi, who was called to the External Affairs Ministry and issued a demarche; no arrests have been made so far

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India conveyed "deep concern" to the British government over security provided to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, after a Khalistani protester was able to get close to his car after an event in London, the External Affairs Ministry said on Friday, criticising the U.K. for "indifference" to the situation.

The concerns were conveyed during a meeting with the British Charge d'Affaires in New Delhi, who was called into the Ministry on Thursday and served a demarche, sources said. The fresh comments by the Ministry on Friday indicate a further escalation in New Delhi's response to the incident with the demand that the U.K. show its "sincerity" with "action against the culprits".

There have been no arrests in the case thus far, although a Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) spokesperson condemned the incident and called it "unacceptable". The incident outside the Chatham House appears to have overshadowed the other outcomes of Mr. Jaishankar's week-long visit to the U.K. and Ireland, and meetings with his counterparts and leaders of both countries.

Reaching out: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar addresses the Indian diaspora at an event in Dublin on Friday. ANI

Meanwhile, New Delhi will be watching the security arrangements closely as Mr. Jaishankar returns to the U.K. from a visit to Dublin. The External Affairs Minister is to inaugurate a new Indian consulate in Manchester on Saturday. The Minister will also attend a reception at the Lancashire Country Cricket Club, before returning to India.

"We have conveyed our deep concern to the U.K. authorities about the breach of security arrangements by U.K.-based separatist and extremist elements during EAM's visit," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at a press briefing.

"[The incident] brings out both the licence accorded to such forces, as well as indifference to their intimidation, threats, and other actions aimed at impeding our legitimate diplomatic activities in the U.K."

The spokesperson said that the "sincerity" of the FCDO statement would be gauged by the "action taken against culprits on this and previous occasions". The demand that the U.K. take firmer action against Khalistani separatist groups operating in the country has been a constant feature in bilateral consultations, and the ability of a protester to run in front of the External Affairs Minister's car, shouting slogans and attempting to tear a cloth with the colours of the Indian flag is seen as the latest in a series of such incidents.

Lalit Modi case

Responding to developments in another thorny case between the two countries, the spokesperson said India is aware that Lalit Modi, the former chief of Indian Premier League, who is wanted for tax evasion and embezzlement cases in India, has acquired the citizenship of Vanuatu.

Mr. Modi continues to live in London more than a decade after India demanded his extradition. Mr. Jaiswal said that Mr. Modi has now made an application to surrender his Indian passport which will be examined.

"We continue to pursue the case against him as required under law," he added.

(With inputs from Sriram Lakshman in London)

Centre puts focus on bilateral trade talks, not reciprocal tariffs by U.S.

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Indian officials are focused on the progress in the bilateral trade agreement (BTA) talks with the U.S., External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Friday, sidestepping questions on whether the recent flurry of remarks by U.S. President Donald Trump that "reciprocal tariffs" would be imposed from April 2 were a setback to ties.

On Friday, days after his address to the U.S. Joint Session of Congress, Mr. Trump repeated his announcement that India would be included in the list of countries facing higher tariffs from the U.S. in retaliation for its taxes on American goods.

Asked about this, the spokesperson pointed to Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal's visit to Washington this week and his meetings with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick and other officials, but did not detail any outcomes. "Commerce and Industries Minister was in the U.S. and met his counterparts. The two governments are in the process of advancing discussions on a multi-sector bilateral trade agreement," Mr. Jaiswal said, referring to the BTA agreed to between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Trump in Washington on February 13.

According to the joint statement issued then, the two sides will work on presenting the "first tranche" of the agreement, including tariff waivers and other measures, by fall or September 2025. However, he declined to comment on whether Mr. Goyal had received any assurances that the April 2 tariffs announced by Mr. Trump would be put off while BTA negotiations continued.

Randhir Jaiswal

"Our objective through the BTA is to strengthen and deepen the India-U.S. two-way trade across the goods and services sector, increase market access, reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers, and deepen supply chain integration between the two countries," Mr. Jaiswal added.

On Friday, Mr. Trump took yet another swipe at India for high tariffs. "The big one will be on April 2, when reciprocal tariffs start," Mr. Trump told reporters in the Oval Office, as he signed executive orders. "So if India or China, or any of the countries that really... India is a very high tariff nation," he said, without completing the sentence.

Mr. Trump said the U.S. had been "ripped off by every country in the world... they charge us 150-200% [and] we charge them nothing. So [now] whatever they charge us, we're going to charge them, and there'll be no getting out of it."

The U.S. Trade Representative has put India on a "Priority Watch List" for a broad number of trade, tariff, and intellectual copyright issues. According to estimates, India's average tariff rates for most imported U.S. goods is about 7.7%, while the U.S. charges an average of 2.8% on Indian goods.

On Rana's plea

Asked about Mr. Trump's promise to extradite 26/11 accused Tahawwur Rana to India, officials said they had to wait until the U.S. completed all its appeals processes.

On Friday, a judge at the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an emergency plea by Rana to stay his extradition order, citing fears he would be "tortured" in India. Following this, Rana submitted a renewed application to Chief Justice John Roberts, seeking a stay of his extradition.

"We are working closely with the U.S. government to complete the necessary formalities to allow for his extradition to India," Mr. Jaiswal said, when asked about Mr. Rana's appeal.

Downsizing at NOAA will impact India, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday expressed its concern over the reported downsizing at the U.S.'s National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and its impact on India.

Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh said on X that the country would have to enhance its own research capacity and capability in earth sciences very significantly.

Sharing a media report claiming that the move to downsize the U.S. meteorological body could hurt its data collection, Mr. Ramesh said, "Right now the Modi government's priority appears to be a trade deal to deal with President Donald Trump's threats on tariffs. But his actions in other areas could have adverse impacts on India."

"The NOAA has been of great importance to our understanding of the monsoon," he said, adding that it collected global data on parameters such as temperature, salinity, and sea levels. Ocean data used for monsoon forecasts since 2009 had come largely from the NOAA, he pointed out, and said it contributed about 40% of the subsurface observations in the Indian Ocean while India contributes around 11%.

"It is not just for India – the NOAA is a global public good essential to monitoring and managing climate change. It faces an uncertain future," Mr. Ramesh noted.

India, China made positive strides after Modi-Xi meet: Wang

Press Trust of India
BEIJING

A ballet between the elephant and the dragon contributing to each other's success is the "only right choice" for India-China relations, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Friday as he acknowledged positive strides in bilateral ties after the end of the military stand-off in eastern Ladakh.

There is every reason for us to support each other rather than undermine each other or undercut each other, he said at his annual press conference.

The successful meeting between President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Kazan last October provided strategic guidance for the development of the bilateral ties, Mr. Wang said.

After that "both sides have earnestly followed through on the important common understandings of our leaders, strengthened exchanges and practical cooperation at all levels, and achieved a series of positive outcomes", he added.

Wang Yi

In a reference to India stressing the importance of peace at borders for the development of relations, Mr. Wang reiterated China's repeated stand that the differences over the boundary or on other issues should not affect the bilateral ties.

As important members of the Global South, China and India have the responsibility to take a lead in opposing hegemonism and power politics, he said in an apparent reference to the U.S. The two countries must uphold the basic norms governing international relations, he added.

"If China and India join hands, the prospect of greater democracy in international affairs and the stronger Global South will improve greatly," he said.

Rajnath Singh interacts with women crew of *INSV Tarini*

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

On the eve of International Women's Day, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday, via videoconference, interacted with the two women Naval officers – Lt. Cdr. Dilna K and Lt. Cdr. Roopa A – undertaking global circumnavigation in sailing vessel *INSV Tarini* under Navika Sagar Parikrama II.

"During the interaction, the Defence Minister lauded the courage, dedication, and resilience of the NSP-II crew, who have embarked on this challenging voyage as part of India's continued efforts to showcase Nari Shakti in high-endurance missions," the Navy said in a statement. He congratulated the crew for the remarkable milestones of crossing Point Nemo – the world's most isolated waters – and sailing through the Drake Passage, one of the most treacherous water bodies, it stated.

The Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to expanding opportunities for women in the defence sector, it added.

New I-T law gives sweeping powers to tax officials: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday alleged that the new income tax law gives tax officials sweeping powers, which allow them to violate the fundamental right to privacy.

Gurdeep Sappal, a permanent invitee to the Congress Working Committee and coordinator in the Congress president's office, said the proposed law gives officials access to the email, social media, and bank accounts of anyone who receives an income tax summons.

"This is a gross violation of Fundamental Right to Privacy, upheld by the Supreme Court," he said on X. "Provision 247 of the new income tax Bill fails the test of reasonableness and also the test of proportionate action," he added.

Supriya Shrinate, who heads the Congress social media department, said on Thursday that the law will make India a "surveillance state".

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2	Date of Online Choice Filling	12th March 2025 (From 5:00 PM) to 17th March 2025 (Till 10:00 AM)	05 days
3	Date of Declaration of result of seat allotment	17th March 2025	01 day
4	Date for downloading allotment letters and admission process	18st March 2025 to 20th March 2025	03 days

- Only registered eligible candidates under UP NEET PG-2024 can participate in the counseling process.
- Those candidates who are registered and have not been able to deposit the registration fee and security amount due to some reason, can participate in the counseling process by depositing the registration fee and security amount.
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- Candidates should assess their eligibility themselves as per the provisions contained in the Government Order No. I/687326/2024 dated 09 July 2024 regarding UP NEET PG 2024 policy and the brochure of UP NEET PG-2024.
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UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 Months ended 31.12.2024 (Unaudited)	3 Months ended 30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	3 Months ended 31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	9 Months ended 31.12.2024 (Unaudited)	9 Months ended 31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	For the year ended 31.03.2024 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	8,466.09	14,820.19	NA	34,646.12	NA	39,493.48
2	Net Profit (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-2,276.79	4,102.41	NA	4,224.72	NA	10,776.54
3	Net Profit (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-2,276.79	4,102.41	NA	4,224.72	NA	10,776.54
4	Net Profit (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-1,644.63	3,146.54	NA	3,330.19	NA	7,962.09
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	-1,644.63	3,146.54	NA	3,330.19	NA	10,288.47
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of (Rs.1000 Each)	1.00	1.00	NA	1.00	NA	1.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)		-	-	-	-	77,571.93
9	Net Worth		-	-	-	-	78,253.46
12	Debt Equity Ratio (times)	12.45	0.32	NA	12.45	NA	0.36
13	**Earnings Per Share (EPS) (Rs.) (Not Annualised) (Face Value Rs.1000 per share)**						
	Basic EPS	-16,44,630.00	31,46,540.00	NA	33,30,190.00	NA	79,62,090.00
	Diluted EPS	-2,413.14	4,616.88	NA	4,886.34	NA	11,682.67
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (No.of Times)	0.61	6.25	NA	1.28	NA	3.05
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (No. of Times)	0.70	4.82	NA	1.18	NA	3.05

Notes: 1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange(s) under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange-National Stock Exchange (NSE) website **www.nseindia.com** and on the company website **www.tgiic.telangana.gov.in**.
Date: March 06, 2025
Place: Hyderabad
For and on behalf of the Board
Dr.E.Vishnu Vardhan Reddy
Vice Chairman & Managing Director
DIN: 09802197
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INBRIEF

Ranveer Allahbadia, Apoorva Mukhija apologise to NCW

The National Commission for Women (NCW) said on Friday that YouTubers Ranveer Allahbadia and Apoorva Mukhija have submitted written apologies to the panel over the offensive remarks they had made on the show *India's Got Latent*. Mr. Allahbadia, Ms. Mukhija, and producers of the show had appeared before the commission on Thursday, NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar said at a press conference. "They said they should not have spoken in such a manner and have now submitted '*maafinama*' (written apology)," the NCW chief said. Meanwhile, the crime branch of the Assam Police on Friday grilled Mr. Allahbadia for his controversial remarks.

Jaguar fighter crashes; An-32 suffers 'incident' at Bagdogra

In twin incidents involving the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Friday, a Jaguar fighter jet, which was on a routine sortie, crashed at Ambala after encountering a system malfunction, while an An-32 transport aircraft suffered an "incident" at Bagdogra. The crew are safe in both cases, the IAF said. "The pilot manoeuvred the aircraft away from any habitation on ground, before ejecting safely," the IAF said on the Jaguar crash on X. An inquiry has been ordered by the IAF, to ascertain the cause of the accident. On the An-32 incident, the IAF said, "The aircraft is being recovered from the site."

Plight of prisoners with disabilities needs attention: SC

Top court issues notice to Centre on plea that highlighted the trauma and inhumane conditions suffered by G.N. Saibaba and Stan Swamy

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Major drawback: The Persons with Disabilities Act does not have a legal framework to protect the rights of prisoners, said the plea.

The Supreme Court on Friday said a petition highlighting the trauma and inhumane conditions suffered by Professor G.N. Saibaba and the elderly Stan Swamy raised a "serious" issue about the lack of disabled-friendly accommodation and facilities in prisons across the country.

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta agreed with advocate Kaleeswaram Raj, representing petitioner Sathyan Nadavoor, that even the Persons with Disabilities Act of 2016 did not contain a legal framework to protect the rights of prisoners with disabilities and provide them "reasonable accommodation".

Both judges said the specific issue had not been adjudicated by the top court and needed serious attention. The court issued formal notice to the Union government.

"The demise of Prof. G.N. Saibaba, a scholar and human rights activist with disabilities, was directly attributable to his deteriorating health, exacerbated by prolonged incarceration and the inhumane conditions of his detention. Stan Swamy also struggled with disability due to Parkinson's syndrome and died while in prison. He was denied medical treatment and basic support," the petition submitted.

"There are no provisions for disabled prisoners that provide for their specific needs. They are still housed in the same facilities as non-disabled inmates, thereby receiving similar treatment regardless of their specialised requirements. This vitiates the purpose of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016," the petition noted.

The prison manuals of most States continue to lack mandatory provisions for ramps and other accessibility measures in prisons. This failure persists in matters of basic mobility within prison premises, in direct contravention of the statutory requirements set forth by the Act, it said.

Empower women by strictly implementing the law, says SC judge

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said women do not need sympathy but rather, empowerment in society.

The oral observation was made on the eve of International Women's Day by Justice Bela Trivedi, one of only two women judges currently serving in the Supreme Court. The other woman judge in the top court is Justice B.V. Nagarathna.

Justice Trivedi was correcting a lawyer arguing for an accused in a sexual harassment case, who claimed that everyone's sympathy was with the survivor.

"Women do not need sympathy. They need to be empowered. For that, we need strict implementation of the law," Justice Trivedi said, addressing the senior advocate appearing for the accused.

Not just 'ladies at home'

The senior advocate immediately agreed with the judge, saying that "ladies at home" definitely need to be empowered and that this was being done.

Justice Trivedi said that her remarks were not just about "ladies at home".

The senior lawyer agreed again, this time adding, "Yes, ladies everywhere."

The lawyer said that the accused had been behind bars for seven months now. He argued that the case, from Tamil Nadu, was at best one of molestation, with a simple injury on the neck of the survivor, and not an attempt to commit murder. The sentence had to be reconsidered, the lawyer argued.

The court said that the mark on the neck of the survivor was not just a "simple" injury. Justice Trivedi said it was the mark of a strangulation attempt using a nylon rope. Two courts have confirmed the finding.

However, the court issued notice to the State on the limited question of the sentence.

Exercise, cut oil use to take on obesity threat: Modi

Press Trust of India
SILVASSA/SURAT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday stressed the need to reduce weight as he cited a report which claimed that nearly 44 crore people in India may be obese by 2050, and described the figure as "huge and scary".

On the first day of his two-day tour of Gujarat and its adjoining Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu, he inaugurated and performed ground-breaking ceremony for projects worth ₹2,587 crore for the Union Territory, and launched a food security saturation campaign in Surat.

He addressed gatherings in Silvassa, the administrative headquarters of Dadra and Nagar Haveli district, and later at Surat.

Mr. Modi called obesity the root cause of many diseases. He urged people to fight the chronic health condition by doing regular physical exercises and reducing edible oil intake by 10%.

He said one in three people in the country may be suffering from obesity by 2050 if the findings of the report turns out to be true.

Centre writes to Odisha on evictions from tiger reserve

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

The Union Tribal Affairs Ministry has directed the Odisha government to examine whether due process was followed in the eviction of Jamunagarh villagers from the core area of Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR). The directive comes after villagers lodged a complaint alleging that their sacred groves and burial grounds, protected under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, were bulldozed, excavated, and altered.

According to the villagers, their sacred sites were destroyed to make way for an enclosure housing Zeenat, the tiger that had strayed into Jharkhand and West Bengal before being returned to STR. The Ministry has asked the State government to review the situation and take necessary action.

On the draw

SC grants interim bail to U.P. MLA

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court granted interim bail to Uttar Pradesh MLA Abbas Ansari on Friday in a case under the Gangsters Act while directing him to stay in his official accommodation in Lucknow.

A Bench said Mr. Ansari should only travel to his constituency of Mau after informing the police and the trial court. He must not leave Uttar Pradesh without permission from the trial court. It directed the police to file a status report on his conduct on May 16.

Railways plans slew of measures to control crowd at 60 major stations

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

More space: Railway officials said permanent waiting areas will be constructed outside 60 stations. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw chaired a high-level meeting in New Delhi on Friday to discuss crowd control measures at railway stations.

The meeting followed the stampede at the New Delhi railway station on February 16, which left 18 persons dead.

After the meeting, railway officials said a decision had been taken to construct permanent waiting areas outside 60 stations.

The decision was taken based on previous experience of creating waiting areas at stations such as New Delhi, Surat Udhna, and Patna, which were able to hold large crowds.

"Similar arrangements were made during the Maha Kumbh at nine stations of Prayagraj area," officials who attended the meeting said.

Pilot projects have already been initiated at stations in New Delhi, Anand Vihar, Varanasi, Ayodhya, Patna, Gaya, Buxar, Prayagraj, Saharsa, and Mumbai.

Officials said the idea was to contain the crowd surge within the waiting area. It was also decided to initiate complete access control at the 60 stations, where only passengers with confirmed reserve tickets will be given direct access to the platforms. "Passengers without a ticket or with a waiting list ticket will have to remain in the waiting area outside. Also, all unauthorised entry points will be sealed," officials said.

All major stations will now have a senior officer as Station Director. All departments will report to the Station Director.

"The Station Director will get financial empowerment so that he can take on-the-spot decisions for improving the station. The Station Director will be empowered to control the sale of tickets as per capacity of the station and the available trains," officials said.

Officials also discussed two new designs of 12-metre-wide (40 feet) and six-metre-wide (20 feet) foot overbridges (FOBs). "These wide FOBs with ramps were very effective in crowd management during the Maha Kumbh. These FOBs of new standard will be installed in all the stations," officials said.

In order to better monitor crowds, it was decided to install cameras in the adjoining areas of the selected stations. Apart from this, it was decided to establish war rooms at large stations, where officers of all departments will work during instances of crowding.

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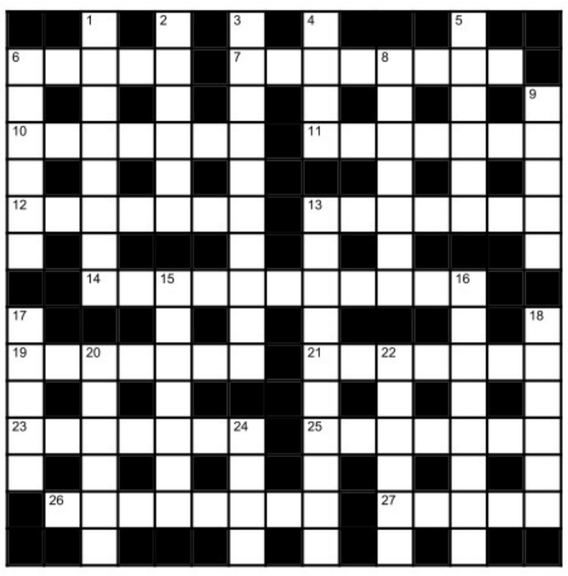

Across

6 No songs in new congress party on principle (5)
7 6 exposed, kept one in fixed deposit - visibly embarrassed (3-5)
10 PM is not even chummy - maybe a little bit (7)
11 Bill happy with a bunch of flowers (7)
12 10 eaten by girl - a dish, perhaps (7)
13 Extremely cautious with top of the gauze that is inside bandage (7)
14 Forcing someone on Ram? (3-8)
19 Britain carries hardly any weight - tough to be one (7)
21 Close to sunrise, just beginning (7)
23 Small place in the middle of a river - the banks, empty (7)
25 She gets hold of a new dress, is brave (7)
26 Ship to incorporate model pendant (8)
27 Wine casks attract top investment capital (5)

Down

1 Complete overall check - that regularly follows retribution (8)
2 Account fudged - could start off with one with a large bill (6)
3 War crime - an appalling result of an old conflict (7,3)
4 I'm right away from port (4)
5 Hunter on land initially - becomes hunter in the sky (6)
6 Doctor wearing coat in action (6)
8 A small story on Indian missile (7)
9 Characters from Tokyo shifted to another city (5)
13 Some parts on a soccer field gave raise to criminal gangs (4,6)
15 Friend possessing revolutionary weapon (7)
16 Learning German, having inclination (8)
17 Follow a call close to home (5)
18 Like allowing later capital (6)
20 Arrogant tearing pages off for new coalition (6)
22 Poor can be kept in very dirty surroundings (6)
24 Equal means on both sides you find trees (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

A thousand Ramayanas

No other spiritual literature has caught the attention of devotees across Asia than the Ramayana and its many versions have evolved over time, but stay true to Valmiki's final purpose, which is to show mankind the efficacy of leading a dharmic way of life, said Dr. Sudha Seshayyan.

There is a wealth of story in the great epic that lends itself to retelling. There are at least two Ramayanas in Assamese, while there are countless ones in Tamil, with Kamban's being the most popular. A very simple story, it constantly undergoes regional and temporal modifications, but stays connected to inherent belief.

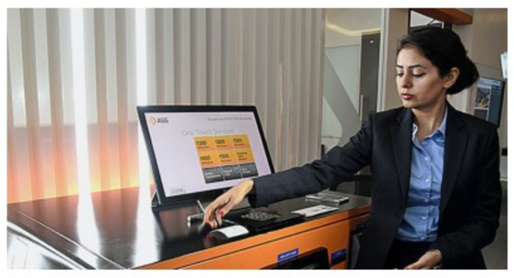
The Lakshman Rekha, for example, is steeped in faith, although it does not figure in Valmiki's version, but is discussed among scholars. Ravana arrives in disguise and when Sita questions him, he reveals himself in a fit of rage and when she steps back, he grabs her by the hair, lifts her into his vimana and gets away.

In Kamba Ramayana, Ravana seeks alms, disguised as a sanyasi. When Sita responds saying, "You should have come when Rama was here," he gets enraged and seeing his anger, she retorts, "Your attire and attitude do no match."

Sita steps back when she realises he is not a sadhu but a rakshasa, but Ravana lifts her away with a clump of soil and in Sri Lanka, he sets her down on this soil, symbolically intimating that he will not touch her without her consent.

The aim of all these epic writers is to focus on stories that showcase the bigger truths of life and show devotees how to lead a value-based life in order to reach God.

INBRIEF



AGS Transact defaults on dues worth ₹386 million

AGS Transact Technologies and its units defaulted in paying obligations worth ₹385.9 million ($4.44 million), the struggling payments services firm said. The company and its unit Securevalue India "defaulted in the payment of principal repayment obligations for certain outstanding borrowings" worth ₹212.3 million, it said in an exchange filing. The companies and another unit, India Transact Services, also delayed paying certain statutory dues. REUTERS

Dharavi re-development to go on as SC refuses status quo

Mumbai's Dharavi redevelopment project will continue as the Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay it. A bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar sought responses from the Maharashtra government and Adani Properties, which was awarded the tender for the project, on a petition challenging a December 20, 2024 verdict of the Bombay High Court. The HC had upheld the tender awarded to the Adani Group for the project. PTI

L&T bets on space exploration on private participation push

Larsen & Toubro said it is betting on aerospace as a potential growth engine, including launch vehicle and satellite manufacturing, as the country cuts reliance on imports and boosts private participation. "We have decades of experience in high-tech manufacturing, critical systems, and scaling up production. The same expertise applies to aerospace," said A.T. Ramchandani, senior V-P and head of L&T's Precision Engineering and Systems. REUTERS

Nifty's weekly returns up 1.93%; logs best week in three months

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Logging its best week in three months, Nifty's weekly returns edged up 1.93%, while closing at 22,552 points on Friday.

"During the week, the Nifty/Sensex slipped below the crucial level of 22,000/72,800. However, it bounced back sharply. Technically, it has formed a reversal formation on both daily and weekly charts, supporting a further uptrend from the current levels," said Amol Athawale, VP, Technical Research, Kotak Securities.

Indices of most major sectors traded in the positive territory, but defence and metal led the relief rally, growing 10.5% and 9% respectively, he added.

The week began on a flat note after a nearly 3% decline, only to rally 1.2% on Wednesday supporting the relief in the rest of the week's trading sessions. The BSE Sensex also rallied 1.55%, closing at 74,333 on Friday. Optimism about Indian economy and global factors may have contributed to this increase, said equity researchers.

"Most of the stocks were highly oversold. They had capitulation and many of the stocks below the ₹10,000 crore market capitalisation have rebounded 20-30% over the last one week as they offered attractive value to long-term investors," said Devarsh Vakil, Head of Prime Research at HDFC Securities.

EVs display resilience in Feb.

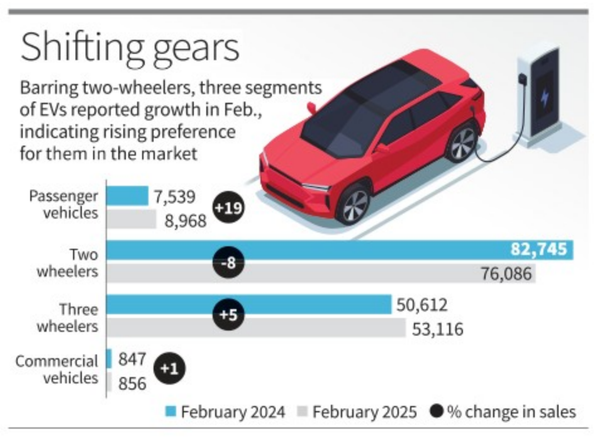
Electric passenger vehicles record a healthy year-on-year rise in retail sales in contrast with ICE vehicles; trend reflects growing consumer awareness and adoption in personal mobility space

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

At a time when all segments of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles have reported a 7% slump in retail sales, most segments of electric vehicles (EVs) have reported growth, except for two-wheelers.

The total number of EVs sold in February 2025, however, was down 2% to 1,39,026 units compared with 1,41,743 units retailed a year earlier.

As per data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA) on Friday, electric passenger vehicles (PVs) recorded a healthy 18.95% YoY increase, reflecting growing consumer awareness and adoption of EVs in the personal mobility space, and achieving a market share of 3% of the entire PV segment.



In February 2025, a total of 8,968 units of electric PVs were retailed as compared with 7,539 units in February 2024. Their market share has grown from 2.2% to 3%. The electric two-wheeler segment, reported a YoY decline of 8.05%, but maintained a significant market share at 5.6% (5.7%), underscoring the sustained demand for affordable EV mobility solutions. A total of 76,086 units were retailed compared with 82,745 units in the year-earlier period.

Electric three-wheelers grew 4.95% YoY, and secured the highest market penetration at 56.4% (52.7%). A total of 53,116 units were retailed compared with 50,612 units a year ago. "In February 2025, India's EV market has displayed commendable resilience with positive growth across segments, despite some challenges," said FADA president C.S. Vigneshwar.

SEBI chief pitches for 'optimum regulation'

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) new chairperson Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Friday expressed the regulators' intent in doing away with "redundant and outdated" statutes to ensure "optimum regulation".

"Capital market is a dynamic space, so change is imminent. But we will certainly not be looking for maximum regulation but for optimum regulation," Mr. Pandey said. He added that he was looking forward to engage with stakeholders to encourage voluntary compliance.

Tuhin Kanta Pandey

He underlined India's strong economic fundamentals "backed by policy support, structural reforms, and rising investor participation with a thriving securities market."

Insider trading norms breach: Nestle warned

Reuters

Nestle India said on Friday it received a warning from the country's markets regulator for a breach of insider trading regulations "by a designated person of the company".

The Indian arm of Swiss food giant Nestle said its compliance officer received an administrative warning letter from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Thursday.

However, the firm stopped short of revealing details from the letter or about the person.

Cracking the whip: SEBI had sent a warning letter to Nestle India on Thursday. REUTERS

Nestle India "would like to categorically assert that this information has no impact on the financial and operational capabilities," the Maggi instant noodles maker told Reuters, without specifying details.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	74,333	-0.01
US Dollar	86.95	0.19
Gold	88,900	-0.22
Brent oil	70.65	2.43

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2247.50	-5.35
Adani Ports	1144.50	8.30
Apollo Hosp	6216.10	-58.00
Asian Paints	2270.00	2.30
Axis Bank	1037.65	3.55
Bajaj Auto	7574.75	112.50
Bajaj Finserv	1845.30	-0.15
Bajaj Finance	8404.50	-6.35
Bharat Elec	276.99	4.04
Bharti Airtel	1630.70	3.80
BPCL	261.26	-3.78
Britannia Ind	4748.25	45.70
Cipla	1458.45	-3.30
Coal India	380.65	-1.95
Dr Reddys Lab	1133.25	-6.85
Eicher Motors	5100.70	6.30
Grasim Ind	2407.25	13.60
HCL Tech	1557.95	-27.50
HDFC Bank	1689.25	-1.95
HDFC Life	625.20	6.95
Hero MotoCorp	3652.50	3.75
Hindalco	691.35	9.40
Hind Unilever	2204.55	-14.40
ICICI Bank	1214.55	-3.50
IndusInd Bank	936.75	-34.95
Infosys	1686.00	-29.85
ITC	403.90	-1.80
JSW Steel	1011.15	0.05
Kotak Bank	1935.40	13.70
L&T	3244.70	-15.20
M&M	2727.85	-14.55
Maruti Suzuki	11664.15	-2.25
NestleIndia	2238.45	37.25
NTPC	329.55	-8.35
ONGC	232.89	0.29
PowerGrid Corp	263.30	-3.35
Reliance Ind	1249.80	40.20
SBI Life	1411.60	-9.70
State Bank	732.75	0.70
Shriram Finance Ltd.	630.85	-13.50
Sun Pharma	1609.30	-4.70
TataConsumerProduct	962.05	3.90
Tata Motors	648.30	8.65
Tata Steel	151.56	1.12
TCS	3611.20	9.60
Tech Mahindra	1492.35	-11.10
Titan	3079.35	-41.75
Trent Ltd.	4999.85	-69.65
UltraTech Cement	10582.40	88.90
Wipro	284.80	-1.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 07

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	86.67	86.99
Euro	94.15	94.50
British Pound	112.07	112.49
Japanese Yen (100)	58.80	59.03
Chinese Yuan	11.98	12.03
Swiss Franc	98.70	99.08
Singapore Dollar	65.19	65.44
Canadian Dollar	60.59	60.82
Malaysian Ringitt	19.64	19.72
Australian Dollar	54.68	54.88

Source:Indian Bank

Boost value addition in spices to achieve $10-bn export target by 2030: WSO

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Spice it up: Only 48% of spice exports were valued-added products while the rest hit the market as culinary whole spices. K. K. MUSTAFAH

Regardless of being the largest producer and exporter of diverse varieties of spices in the world, India's share in the global seasoning market, pegged at $14 billion in 2024, is only a paltry 0.7%, against China's 12% and U.S.'s 11%, said Ramkumar Menon, chairman, The World Spice Organisation (WSO).

India currently exports 1.5 million tonne of spices of all kinds worth $4.5 billion, commanding a quarter of the global spice market valued at $20 billion.

Mr. Menon said currently only 48% of India's spice exports were valued-added products while the remaining bulk hits the markets as culinary whole spices.

To achieve the Spices Board of India's export target of $10 billion by 2030, the country's share in value-added spices should rise up to 70%, he opined.

"Seasoning is a huge market. Despite India being the largest producer and exporter of spices, our current share in seasoning is really low, and we have a huge opportunity to grow in this segment," he said.

Mr. Menon further said, it was also critical for the Indian spice sector to explore the nutraceutical and pharmaceutical value of spices in a big way.

'Tap nutraceuticals'

"We should explore the nutraceutical and pharmaceutical scope of our spices in a major way. This is another way of value adding by finding newer ways of useful consumption for our spices. Several spices are already being used by Ayurveda and other schools of medicine," he pointed out.

Mr. Menon added that some 85% of the spices grown in India are consumed domestically. Although India leads the world in spice production, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brazil and China are also active players in the global spice markets. Africa has also entered spice production in recent years.

Emerging producers

On the importance of increasing spice production within the country, he observed that other than the traditional spice-growing States in the country, the North Eastern region, Odisha and Jharkhand were emerging as sizable producers of various spices.

"India has 15 different agro-climatic zones and this helps us grow a wide variety of spices, almost in all States," he said.

"Export possibilities are huge. To cash in on this, we have to first increase our production. We also have to find ways to bring down cost of production and increase focus on quality and scale our share in value added spices," he added.

WSO, a platform that unites all stakeholders in the spice industry comprising farmers, processors, academics, and end-users, is working closely with several farmer producer organisations (FPOs) to boost production, exports and value addition. FPOs are sensitised on safety, quality and sustainability in spice cultivation by training farmers on quality control issues and teaching them the importance of growing spices while limiting pesticide use.

Pest management

Spice farmers are also trained in integrated pest management, water management and hygiene practices around handling, processing and packaging.

He also emphasised on the need for developing high-yielding and climate-resistant varieties of spices in the country, adding organisations such as Indian Council of Agricultural Research and National Research Centre on Seed Spices have been already working on these fronts.

Axis Bank executes Air India aircraft financing deal via GIFT City

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Axis Bank said it has become the first Indian bank to execute an aircraft financing transaction via its International Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City IFSC. The bank did not disclose the size of the loan.

The deal was executed on behalf of AI Fleet Services Ltd. (AIFS), the leasing arm and wholly owned subsidiary of Air India (a Tata Group company).

It involves a long-term U.S. dollar loan for the purchase of 34 training aircraft to be deployed at Air India's upcoming pilot training institute at Amravati in Maharashtra.

Usually, India's aviation finance has been dominated by multinational banks. GIFT City now seems to be emerging as India's aircraft financing hub. For the first time, all key stakeholders in the transaction – lender, borrower, law firm, facility agent, and security agent are GIFT City entities.

The Government of India had been actively promoting GIFT City as a strategic alternative to global aviation finance centres.

"This pioneering aircraft financing deal, structured end-to-end by our GIFT City IBU team, is a strategic step towards creating a robust aviation finance ecosystem within India," said Rajiv Anand, deputy MD, Axis Bank.

"The recent transaction for 34 training aircraft was one of the first transactions where an Indian bank has been involved in a long tenor, U.S. dollar aircraft financing," said Sanjay Sharma, CFO, Air India.

APPOINTMENT

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ
(An Organisation of the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030

Empanelment of Inquiry Officers

NIRDPR, Hyderabad proposes to empanel the retired officials to function as Inquiry Officers to conduct the departmental inquiries under Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 read with DoPT guidelines issued from time to time as per the eligibility criteria mentioned below.

Sl. No	To conduct inquiry against	Eligibility Criteria
1	Group A officers	(i) Officers retired in Pay Level 15 and above (7th CPC) from All India Service/ Central Government/ State Government or corresponding equivalent grades or above, retired judges of High Court or above.
		(ii)Officers retired in Pay Level 13 and 14 (7th CPC) from All India Service/Central Government/State Government or corresponding equivalent grades.
2	Group B & C	Officers retired in pay level 10 to 12 (7th CPC) from Central/State Government or corresponding equivalent grades, retired District Judge or equivalent grades.

The interested candidates may submit their applications in the prescribed format to Director General, NIRDPR, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad - 500030 by post on or before **30.03.2025**

For submission of application, prescribed format and other details please visit: **www.nirdpr.org.in**

Advt. No. 10/2025
File No: NIRDPR/Reg/IO-Empanelment
Comp. No.9265

Sd/-
Registrar & Director (Admin)
NIRDPR

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Notice Inviting Applications

Applications are invited by RRECL for Allotment of Self-Identified Off-Stream Closed Loop Pumped storage project sites (Mode-III) as per provisions of Rajasthan integrated Clean Energy Policy-2024.

For more details, please visit RRECL website: https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrecl/#/pages/department-page/2787

Raj.Samwad/C/24/12834

Director (Technical)

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ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 07/2024-25 भोजन एवं आवास व्यवस्था

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TENDER ENQUIRY NO. 332/HPs/EDII/RSD-148 Dated: 06.03.2025

Dy. CE/Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala Invites E-Tender for Publication of NIT against Tender Specifications no. 332/HPs/ED-II/RSD-148 Dated. 06.03.2025 for Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 4 no. Microprocessor based field mounted dual path Ultrasonic transit-time flow meter (UTTF) with non-invasive clamp on transducers at RSD Hydel Power Plant.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 13-03-2025 onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief General Manager (E), PCC-II, HMWS&SB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad.

National Competitive Bidding

Sl. No.	e-tender Notice No. and Date	Name of work	Approximate Estimate Contract Value(in Crores)
1)	EP.No.02/ CGM(E) / PCC-II / Godavari Ph-II&III /M'sagar-G'pur/ Package-I / 2024-25, dated: 07.03.2025	Godavari Drinking Water Supply Scheme Phase-II & III – Filling of Osmansagar & Himayathsagar Reservoirs with Godavari Water for Rejuvenation of Musi River - Manufacture, Supply, Lowering, Laying, Jointing, Testing and commissioning of 3000mm dia MS Pumping main in two rows (10 TMC each) from Mallannasagar to Ghanpur, Construction of Pump House, Electro Mechanical Equipment, Transformers, Substation at Mallannasagar & Construction of 1170 MLD capacity WTP, 40 ML Clear water reservoir cum pump house, Electro Mechanical Equipment, Transformers, at Ghanpur **under Hybrid Annuity Mode of Contract** including Manning, Operation and Maintenance of Project for 10 years - **Package-I**	➢ ECV put to tender is Rs.3225.47 Cr. ➢ O&M cost Rs.105.48 Cr for 10 years and quoted TP applicable on O&M cost. (Total cost Rs.3330.95 Cr.)
2)	EP.No.03/ CGM(E) / PCC-II / Godavari Ph-II&III/Package-II / G'pur to OS&HS/2024-25, dated:07.03.2025	Godavari Drinking Water Supply Scheme Phase-II & III – Filling of Osmansagar & Himayathsagar Reservoirs with Godavari Water for Rejuvenation of Musi River - Manufacture, Supply, Lowering, Laying, Jointing, Testing and commissioning of 2200mm MS Pumping main from Ghanpur to Osmansagar, 2400mm MS Pumping main from Ghanpur to Muthangi, 3000mm dia MS Pipeline from Kokapet to Osmansagar Conduit along ORR & 2200mm dia MS Pipeline for Interconnection of Osmansagar and Himayathsagar reservoirs, 3000mm dia MS Pumping Main from WTP to MBR at Ghanpur, Construction of 80 ML MBR, 18ML Raw Water Reservoir & Pump House and Electro Mechanical Equipment, Transformers, Substation at Ghanpur and Manufacture, Supply, Lowering, Laying, Jointing, Testing and commissioning of 1500mm dia MS main, Construction of 120 MLD WTP, 18ML CWR, Pump House with Electro Mechanical equipment, Sub station, 1200mm dia MS Clear water Pumping Main at Osmansagar, 22.50ML MBR at Golden Mile and 800/600/400mm dia Distribution mains from MBR under Osmansagar Reservoir and Manufacture, Supply, Lowering, Laying, Jointing, Testing and commissioning of 1200mm dia MS main, Construction of 70 MLD WTP, 18ML CWR, Pump House with Electro Mechanical Equipment, Sub station at Himayathsagar, 1000mm dia MS Pumping Main to Budvel reservoir under Himayathsagar Reservoir **under Hybrid Annuity Mode of Contract** - Including Manning, Operation and Maintenance of Project for 10 years - **Package-II**	➢ ECV put to tender is Rs.1992.22 Cr. ➢ O&M cost Rs.60.50 Cr for 10 years and quoted TP applicable on O&M cost. (Total cost Rs.2052.72 Cr.)

1. The bid documents download starts online on or after: 12.03.2025.
2. Name and address of Chief General Manager (Engg), concerned - Chief General Manager (Engg), Project Construction Circle-II, HMWSSB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004,
3. The contractors/firms are requested to upload the information in the 'ZIP' format preferably.
4. Further details can be seen @ **http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in**

Sd/- **Chief General Manager (Engg)**
Project Construction Circle-II

DIPR R.O.No.11127-PP/GL/ADVT/1/2024-25 Dt. 07.03.2025

SEOUL

South Korean court orders release of impeached Yoon to stand trial

GETTY IMAGES

A South Korean court ordered impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol to be released from jail, a move that could allow Mr. Yoon to stand trial for his rebellion charge without being physically detained. Mr. Yoon was arrested and indicted in January over the December 3 martial law decree that plunged the country into turmoil. AFP

BEIRUT

Monitor says Syria security forces 'executed' 52 Alawites in Latakia

REUTERS

A Syrian war monitor said security forces "executed" 52 members of the Alawite minority in Latakia province, while the interior minsitry referred to "individual violations". Fierce clashes broke out on Thursday in Latakia province, the heartland of the Alawite faith, an offshoot of Shiite Islam to which the Assad clan belongs. AFP

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka signs deal worth $2.5 bn with Japan to restructure debt

AFP

Sri Lanka signed a deal with Japan on Friday to restructure $2.5 billion in loans, marking the first agreement with official creditors who had pledged debt relief to the cash-strapped nation last year. Japan said it was granting concessions on a 369.45 billion yen ($2.5 billion) loan under a comprehensive debt treatment plan. AFP

MANILA

Philippines set to sign agreement for troop deployment with Canada

AP

The Philippines and Canada have negotiated a deal for the deployment of troops, Manila said on Friday. While the two parties held talks, no timetable was given for the deal. Manila already has similar pacts with the United States, Australia and Japan, against a backdrop of China's actions in the disputed South China Sea. AFP

Trump writes to Iran's top leader asking him to open nuclear dialogue

'I hope you are going to negotiate because if we have to go in militarily it's going to be a terrible thing for them,' says the U.S. President; we will not enter any direct talks with U.S. so long as they continue their maximum pressure policy, says Tehran

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump said he has written to Iran pressing for talks on preventing the development of nuclear weapons, warning it faces possible military action if not.

Iran's Foreign Minister said on Friday that the country would not negotiate so long as the United States applies "maximum pressure," but he was not responding directly to Mr. Trump's letter.

Mr. Trump's outreach marks a departure at least in tone from the hardline stance in the Republican leader's first term and could cause a rift with close ally Israel, which last year carried out bombing strikes inside Iran.

Bitter lesson: The JCPOA deal between the U.S. and Iran fell apart after Donald Trump withdrew from it in 2018. AP

Mr. Trump said he wrote a letter to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei telling him that a negotiated solution "will be a lot better for Iran."

"I have written them a letter, saying I hope you are going to negotiate because if we have to go in militarily it's going to be a terrible thing for them," Mr. Trump told *Fox Business* in a clip broadcast on Friday. "You can't let them have a nuclear weapon."

A landmark 2015 deal negotiated under former President Barack Obama – known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) – imposed curbs on Iran's nuclear program in return for sanctions relief.

It fell apart after Mr. Trump withdrew the U.S. from the agreement in 2018 in his first presidential term and reimposed sweeping sanctions.

Iran has been cautious about a return to diplomacy since the collapse of the JCPOA.

Iran's warnings

"We will not enter any direct negotiations with the U.S. so long as they continue their maximum pressure policy and their threats," Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Friday.

Speaking on the sidelines of an Organization of Islamic Cooperation meeting in Jeddah, Mr. Araghchi also warned that Iran's nuclear program "cannot be destroyed through military operations."

India calls for 'inclusive' elections' in Bangladesh

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Days after the student-coordinators of Bangladesh launched a new political party, India on Friday said it supports an "inclusive and participatory election" in Bangladesh.

"We support a stable, peaceful, inclusive and progressive Bangladesh in which all issues are resolved through democratic means and by holding inclusive and participatory elections. We remain concerned about the deteriorating law & order situation, further exacerbated by the release of violent extremists who were sentenced for serious crimes," Randhir Jaiswal, official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, said.

Nahid Islam

The student coordinators of Bangladesh, who constitute the largest support bloc for the interim government led by Mohammed Yunus, launched the Jatiyo Nagarik Party (JNP) this week. The JNP, led by former student adviser to the interim government Nahid Islam, has drawn attention as its supporters have been suggesting that the next election in Bangladesh would exclude the Awami League, the party of deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

In January, Mahfuz Alam, a key student adviser who works in the Chief Adviser's office, had said the next election would exclude Awami League and include whom he described as "pro-Bangladesh parties".

Since the fall of the Hasina government, Bangladesh has seen a period of uncertainty and violence as the police and administration have been struggling to restore order.

Mr. Yunus had earlier said the election would be held in December, but on Friday, he modified his announcement and said that election would be held "between December 2025 and March 2026".

Easier to work with Russia than Ukraine on truce, says Trump

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump said Friday that he finds it "easier" to deal with Russia than with Ukraine in efforts to end the war in the pro-Western country – and that he trusts Vladimir Putin.

"I believe him," he said in a televised press conference at the White House.

"I'm finding it more difficult frankly to deal with Ukraine and they don't have the cards," he said. "It may be easier dealing with Russia."

Mr. Trump has pushed Ukraine hard, as it struggles to fend off Russian invasion after three years of war, and has ordered a pause in US military and intelligence assistance to Kyiv in order to apply more pressure.

Russian sanctions

Separately, Mr. Trump raised the prospect of imposing large-scale U.S. sanctions on Russia on Friday.

"Based on the fact that Russia is absolutely 'pounding' Ukraine on the battlefield right now, I am strongly considering large-scale Banking Sanctions, Sanctions, and Tariffs on Russia until a Cease Fire and FINAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON PEACE IS REACHED," Mr. Trump said.

"To Russia and Ukraine, get to the table right now, before it is too late. Thank you!!!"

Hamas urges Trump to meet the freed Palestinian prisoners

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

The militant group asks U.S. President to accord the same respect given to Israeli hostages

Hamas on Friday urged U.S. President Donald Trump to meet with Palestinian prisoners freed during the ongoing truce in Gaza, following his meeting with released Israeli hostages the day before.

Just as he spoke of the "unbearable suffering" of Israeli hostages, the U.S. President should "show the same level of respect to freed Palestinian political prisoners and allocate time to meet and listen to their stories", senior Hamas leader Basem Naim wrote in an open letter addressed to Mr. Trump.

More than 9,500 Palestinian prisoners were currently being held in Israeli prisons, he said.

On Thursday, Mr. Trump met in the Oval Office with eight former Israeli hostages who were released as part of the truce agreement that took effect on January 19.

The first phase of the agreement led to the release of 33 hostages in exchange for about 1,800 Palestinian detainees. In late November 2023, 105 hostages had already been freed during a one-week truce in exchange for 240 Palestinian prisoners.

U.S. cancels $400 million in grants to Columbia

Reuters

U.S. President Donald Trump has cancelled grants and contracts totalling $400 million to Columbia University due to "inaction in the face of persistent harassment of Jewish students", the Education Department said.

Columbia was at the centre of college protests in which demonstrators demanded an end to U.S. support for Israel. There were allegations of antisemitism and Islamophobia in protests and counterprotests. Columbia has said it made efforts to tackle antisemitism.

China accuses U.S. of 'meeting good with evil' over tariff policy

Associated Press
BEIJING

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said China will continue to retaliate for the United States' "arbitrary tariffs" and accused Washington of "meeting good with evil" in a press conference on Friday on the sidelines of the country's annual parliamentary session.

Mr. Wang said China's efforts to help the U.S. contain its fentanyl crisis have been met with punitive tariffs, which are straining their ties.

"No country should fantasise that it can suppress China and maintain a good relationship with China at the same time," Mr. Wang said.

Wang Yi

The U.S. this week levied duties against China as well as Canada and Mexico over accusations of fentanyl smuggling, which the countries have called unjustified.

China maintains it's done a lot to curb the exports of industrial chemicals used to make fentanyl over the past few years, and that illegal drug use in the U.S. is a domestic problem.

The duties were the latest in a series of retaliatory tariffs Washington and Beijing have imposed against one another since U.S. President Donald Trump's return to office in January.

The U.S. raised flat tariffs on all Chinese imports to 20%, while Beijing countered with additional 15% duties on U.S. imports including chicken, pork, soy and beef, and expanded controls on doing business with key U.S. companies.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC) Division, Bommanahalli / South Zone, Room No.101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002.

No:EE(QA/QC)/BHZ/South/TEND/90/2024-25 Date: 07-03-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Quality Assurance / Quality Control Division (Bommanahalli / South Zone), BBMP, Bengaluru invites Request for Proposal from interested Persons / Firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality Control (PMC) for the below works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains at Chikkathoguru in Ward No. 211, Begur." **Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 300.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 7,500/-**
2	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains at Vishwapriya Layout in Ward No. 211, Begur." **Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 400.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 10,000/-**
3	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains at Vinayaka Layout and Surrounding Area in Ward No. 225, Kudlu." **Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 300.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 7,500/-**
4	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Providing Sewage Diversion Drain in Chikkammanahalli Lake." **Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 150.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 3,750/-**
5	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Providing Chainlink Fencing to Uttarahalli and Subedarana Lake." **Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 120.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 3,000/-**
6	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Comprehensive Development of Drains, Roads, Culverts, Parks and Repairs to Building in Bhovi Colony from 1st Cross to 5th Cross, Krishnamurthy Layout, Bharathi Layout, Krishna Industrial Area, Balajinagara, Bhavaninagara, Venkateshwara Layout, Bhuvanappa Layout, VP Road, 5th Cross VP Road, 4th Main, Coconut Graden, Chocolate Factory Road to Gunduthopu in Raghavendra Layout, Venkateshwara Layout and Construction of RO Plant in Bhavaninagar and Kaveri Layout in Ward No. 178, S.G. Palya and Ward No. 179, Madiwala." **(Call-2) - Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 200.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 5,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 11-03-2025. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **14-03-2025 at 11.30 AM in the Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC), Room No.101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 3)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **21-03-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **24-03-2025 at 11.30 AM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (QA/QC) Division, Bommanahalli / South Zone, BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Health Officer (Public Health), Ground Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: BBMP/2024-25/SE1236/CALL-2 Date: 07-03-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike invites Short Term Tender from eligible bidders for the following.

1) Invites Short Term Re-Tender for **Supply of Group-D's to Namma Clinic's** on Outsource basis.

RFP Reference No: **BBMP/2024-25/SE1236/CALL-2**

Calendar of Events: 1) Date of Commencement of Download of RFP Document from Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 07-03-2025 onward. 2)** Date, Time and Venue of Pre Bid Meeting on **10-03-2025, 12.30 PM at Office of the Chief Health Officer, Ground Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 3)** Last Date and Time for Uploading Online Queries in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **10-03-2025 upto 5.00 PM. 4)** Last Date and Time for Uploading RFP in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **14-03-2025 upto 5.00 PM. 5)** Date and Time of Online Opening of RFP Applications in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: **15-03-2025 at 5.10 PM. 6)** Place of Opening of RFP Applications: **Online at Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. 7)** Address for Communication: **Office of the Chief Health Officer (Public Health), Ground Floor, Annex-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. Phone No: 9845208571, E-mail: choph515@gmail.com.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/-
Chief Health Officer (Public Health), BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Chief Health Officer (Public Health) BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bangalore - 560 002

No: BBMP/2024-25/IND0078 Date: 07.03.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike invites tenders from eligible bidders for the following :-

1. (1) Tender for the procurement of Specialists Services Namma Clinics - 230 : BBMP/2024-25/SE1292/CALL-3 (2) Tender for the procurement of Internet Services Namma Clinics - 230 : BBMP/2024-25/SE1301/CALL-3 (3) Tender for the procurement of CCTVs 230 Namma Clinics : BBMP/2024-25/IND0078/CALL-4
2. Date of Commencement of Download of RFP Document from Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** : from **07.03.2025** onwards
3. Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries (In Karantaka Public Procurement Portal) : uptp to **10.03.2025, 5.00 pm**
4. Date and Time of Pre-bid meeting : **10.03.2025 at 11.00 am** at the following venue : Office of the CHO Ground Floor, Annexe-3 Building, Bangalore - 560 002.
5. Last Date and Time for uploading of RFP in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal : upto **14.03.2025, 5.00 pm**
6. Date and Time of Online Opening of RFP Applications in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal : **15.03.2025, 5.10 pm**
7. Place of Opening of RFP Applications : Online at Karnataka Public Procurement Portal
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HONING THEIR SKILLS

Indian batters gear up for Kiwi spin challenge ahead of final

PTI

The Indian batters on Friday honed their skills against left-arm and off-spin variations ahead of facing New Zealand's Mitchell Santner and Michael Bracewell in the Champions Trophy final. They faced Varun Chakaravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja before taking on an ensemble of local spinners.

TOUGH OUTFIT

Hussain backs Kiwis to make it hard for India in title clash

REUTERS

Former England captain Nasser Hussain has backed New Zealand to fight hard against India in the ICC Champions Trophy final. "They will not bottle it, they won't choke. All the way through the New Zealand line-up they have some very, very tough cricketers who turn up to every single game and give it their absolute best," he told *Sky Sports*.

IN THE RACE

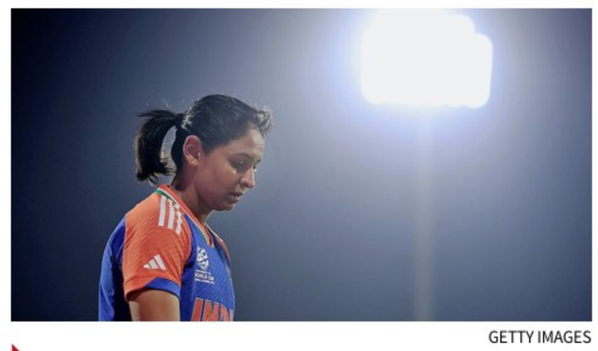
Gill nominated for ICC Player of the Month for February

AFP

Riding on his superb performance in the ODI series against England, India opener Shubman Gill has been nominated along with Australia's Steve Smith and Kiwi Glenn Phillips for the ICC 'Player of the Month' for February. Gill scored 406 runs, averaging 101.50 at a strike-rate of 94.19 in the five ODIs that he played in February.

REPRIMANDED

Harmanpreet fined 10% of match fee for showing dissent



GETTY IMAGES

Mumbai Indians skipper Harmanpreet Kaur was fined 10 per cent of her match fee for breaching the Code of Conduct in the victory against UP Warriorz in the Women's Premier League on Thursday. She admitted to the Level 1 offence, which pertains to showing dissent at an umpire's decision.

Indian think tank gets team combination spot on

A fit-again Hardik has provided the Men In Blue flexibility and balance; selecting a spin-heavy squad and including Varun in place of Jaiswal proving to be a masterstroke for Rohit & Co.

CHAMPIONS TROPHY

S. Dipak Ragav
DUBAI

Spin it to win it: Varun and Kuldeep have been at the forefront of India's impressive performance while Kohli has rediscovered his mojo. AFP, PTI

India's preparation for the Champions Trophy has been built around the mantra 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Two years ago, Rohit Sharma's men enthralled the cricketing world by dominating the ODI World Cup, clinically breezing past its opponents.

It took something extraordinary to halt Rohit Sharma's men, and Australia managed to do that in the final. Despite the heart-wrenching loss, India was the standout team of the tournament.

Since November 2023, India had played only nine ODIs before going into the Champions Trophy campaign.

While most top players did not participate in the three-match joust against South Africa in December '23, the near full-strength squad was humbled 0-2 on Sri Lanka's spin-friendly surfaces in August '24.

There were a few experiments against the Lankans, the first series under coach Gautam Gambhir. The team focused on having a mix of left and right-handed options. There was also an effort to try and have multi-dimensional players, having some batters rolling their arms over.

In terms of personnel, Hardik Pandya and Ravindra Jadeja were not picked as the team wanted to evaluate the likes of Axar Patel, Washington Sundar and Shivam Dube.

However, for the series against England last month, the think-tank decided to revert to the combination that worked well during the quadrennial event, making only minor tweaks.

Barring Axar, seven of the top-eight batters were part of the World Cup. The all-rounder added depth to the squad, allowing the luxury of fielding six bowlers.

More importantly, a fit-again Hardik has provided flexibility and balance. India missed this in the latter half of the World Cup following his injury midway through the campaign.

When the squad for the Champions Trophy was announced, there was a feeling that India was spin-heavy. However, as Rohit and Gambhir pointed out, there were only two specialist tweakers – Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakaravarthy – while Jadeja, Axar, and Washington were genuine all-rounders.

Over the last fortnight, the team management has been proved right as the slow surfaces in Dubai, where the Men in Blue are based, have been a spinners' paradise.

Rohit also explained the reason for including Varun in the place of Yashasvi Jaiswal, a move that raised eyebrows as a spinner was replacing a batter.

"Looking at the pitches here and hearing about what happened in Dubai in the past two months, when a lot of cricket was played, we knew they were going to be slow. We were watching the ILT20 played here and thought the slower bowlers would find the pitches a lot more helpful."

The fact that India fielded four of the slow variety, and just one frontline fast bowler (Mohammed Shami) – Hardik is seen as a seam-up option – in the two big games against the Kiwis and Aussies showed the captain's conviction.

Like it did two years ago during the stirring run World Cup at home, India has made short work of its opponents enroute the decider and will fancy its chances of regaining the 'mini' World Cup.

Pleased every batter has contributed, says Kotak

S. Dipak Ragav
DUBAI

Kotak. PTI

India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak was pleased that every batter contributed to the team's cause in its run to the final and felt the side is well-prepared, having encountered different situations in the four games so far.

"The pitches change a bit obviously, but the overall tendency (slow nature) has not changed much. Our batting has been really good. Secondly, in four matches, batting first or second, we have got runs from openers, and when they didn't, the middle-order has scored," said Kotak ahead of India's practice session on Friday.

"Till now, there has not been much need for power hitting, but that also happened in the last match," he added referring to the way Hardik Pandya and K.L. Rahul rained sixes to close out the semifinal against Australia.

On the burning topic of India having an undue advantage of playing all its matches in Dubai, Kotak dismissed the assertion.

"I don't understand what advantage we get from this (pitch). People feel that India got an advantage after we won the matches. I don't know what to say about that. We just played to the draw. I think in a game, you must play good cricket every day when you turn up. If you don't play well, then you can't complain. And if you play well, there is no point in saying whether you got an advantage or not."

The former Suarashtra cricketer praised vice-captain Shubman Gill, whom he had worked with at the India A level.

"I think he can adapt to the situation well and play according to the team's needs. His game is such that he can be good with rotating strike, taking the game deep, and also attack if required. With his balanced approach, he has been brilliant," said Kotak.

The batting coach also hailed K.L. Rahul's adaptability, who has been moved down to No. 6, where he has had to be a bit more aggressive right from the start. Rahul has played vital knocks against Bangladesh and Australia.

Strikeforce: Henry is the spearhead of the Kiwi attack. REUTERS

New Zealand sweats on Henry's fitness

S. Dipak Ragav
DUBAI

New Zealand is sweating on the fitness of its pace spearhead, Matt Henry, ahead of Sunday's Champions Trophy final against India. Henry hurt his shoulder in the semifinal against South Africa in Lahore while taking a catch in the deep.

The 33-year-old took a five-for against India in the league game last week at this venue and is a key player for the Kiwis as someone who can give breakthroughs with the new ball.

"It was pretty uncomfortable. From our perspective, the positive thing was that he got back out there to bowl. We have had some scans and stuff done on him, and we are going to give him every chance to play in this match," said head coach Gary Stead on Friday. "Still a little bit unknown at this stage and he is pretty sore from landing on his shoulder but hopeful he will be okay."

In the group stage match against India, Varun Chakaravarthy left the Black Caps batting line-up in disarray by running through the middle-and-lower-order, and Stead believes the mystery spinner will hold the key in the final.

"He showed his skills against us last time and he is a big threat in the game. We will put our thinking caps on how to nullify that and still score runs against him," he added.

A big challenge for New Zealand will be how they handle India's quartet of spinners, which could decide the outcome of the contest. "They are very good spinners, all in their own right. So, for us, (it is) being clear on our plans and working out. It could be a match-up that we decide within our team is the right one for us to go after. The other sorts of things, we will read through the match and work out what is the best way to go. Who knows, they might also have off days, and that could be in our advantage," Stead chimed in.

Harleen takes Gujarat Giants home in tense chase against Delhi Capitals

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On the rampage: Harleen hammered nine fours and a six in her match-winning knock. SANDEEP SAXENA

Harleen Deol hasn't been in India's scheme of things in the T20 format since July 2023. On the evidence of Friday's fixture in the Women's Premier League, the 26-year-old from Chandigarh merits a return in the shortest version. After all, she has made an impression since making an ODI comeback in December.

Against Delhi Capitals at the Ekana Cricket Stadium, the No. 3 smashed an unbeaten 70 off 49 balls to take Gujarat Giants past the finish line in a cliffhanger. In pursuit of 178 for victory, GG reached home in 19.3 overs with five wickets in hand.

Harleen's innings overshadowed Meg Lanning's swashbuckling 92 for Delhi Capitals earlier in the evening. The foundation for the stiff chase was set by Beth Mooney and Harleen forging an 85-run partnership for the second wicket. Even when Mooney skied off-spinner Minnu Mani to Annabel Sutherland at long-off on 44, GG didn't panic. Ashleigh Gardner came in and spanked a couple of sixes before pulling Shikha Pandey to Minnu at deep square leg.

The boundaries continued to flow with Harleen and Deandra Dottin at the crease. Having brought up her half-century off 38 balls with a rasping cut past point for four, Harleen ensured that she was there at the end.

For DC, Lanning was the star with the bat. Her only lapse came on 47, but Harleen couldn't hang on and pull off a stunning catch. When the opener lofted Tanuja Kanwer towards mid-off in the 12th over, the ball seemed set to sail over Harleen. But her agility allowed her to leap high and get her outstretched right hand on the ball. It popped out, though, onto her left palm before rebounding again into her cupped hands while she was on her way down. Once her hands made contact with the ground, it slipped out and hit the turf.

The scores: Delhi Capitals 177/5 in 20 overs (Lanning 92, Shafali Verma 40, Meghna Singh 3/35, Dottin 2/37) lost to Gujarat Giants 178/5 in 19.3 overs (Harleen Deol 70 n.o., Mooney 44, Shikha Pandey 2/31, Jess Jonassen 2/38). **Toss:** GG; **PoM:** Harleen.

Saturday's match: UP Warriorz vs RCB, 7.30 p.m.

INBRIEF

Newcastle defender Botman sidelined for eight weeks

Newcastle defender Sven Botman will be sidelined for about eight weeks with a knee issue while the Magpies will also be without Anthony Gordon for the League Cup final on March 16 after opting not to appeal against the winger's red card. Netherlands international Botman, who only recently returned from a 10-month layoff with an anterior cruciate ligament injury, requires a minor operation.

Ayush makes the semifinals of Orleans Masters badminton

India's Ayush Shetty continued his dream run at the Orleans Masters as he advanced to the men's singles semifinals of the BWF Super 300 tournament with a hard-fought 21-16, 21-23, 21-17 win over World No. 48 Rasmus Gemke of Denmark at Orleans (France) on Friday. Shetty had earlier shocked Hong Kong's World No. 38 Jason Gunawan 21-17, 21-17 to secure his place in the last-eight.

Olympic taekwondo champ Jones to take up pro boxing

British double Olympic taekwondo champion Jade Jones announced on Friday that she is switching sports to pursue a career as a professional boxer. Jones, 31, who won gold at London 2012 and Rio 2016, will be trained by former British and Commonwealth champion Stephen Smith in Liverpool.

Siddhant & Donski enter summit clash in Kigali

Siddhant Banthia in partnership with Alexander Donski of Bulgaria beat Alafia Ayeni of USA and Luka Pavlovic of France 6-4, 6-3 in the doubles semifinals of the $160,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Kigali, Rwanda, on Friday. The Indo-Bulgarian pair will play Geoffrey Blancaneaux of France and Zdenek Kolar of the Czech Republic in the final.

LIVE TELECAST

ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioHotstar, 5 & 7.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 6, 8.30, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

LaLiga: gxr.world, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

WPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Serie A: gxr.world, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m

Bare cupboard: What Chhetri's comeback tells about Indian football

We have been trying so hard to find good strikers, but unfortunately, we have not succeeded so far: AIFF's technical committee head I.M. Vijayan

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NEW DELHI

Described as "a wise decision" by the sport's national federation, Sunil Chhetri's return from international retirement at 40 is certainly an acknowledgement of his greatness in Indian football but more strikingly, it lays bare the paucity of quality strikers in a country of over 1.4 billion.

Chhetri's long list of achievements in the sport is one thing, and his coming out of retirement within a year is another.

"It's a good decision form the team's point of view. You are asking me that you are calling back a 40-year-old to play for national team, but there have been similar instances in the past.

Talisman: With no one stepping up to fill his big void, India has been forced to recall Chhetri. AP

"We have been trying so hard to find good strikers, but unfortunately, we have not succeeded so far. Most of the top strikers in the ISL are foreigners, so that is how it is," conceded the legendary I.M. Vijayan in a conversation with PTI, trying to strike a balance between finding the positives and being mindful of reality.

According to the All India Football Federation (AIFF), Chhetri was coaxed out of retirement by national team head coach Manolo Marquez.

Since his retirement, Chhetri had continued playing for Bengaluru FC in the ISL. He has so far scored 12 goals from 23 matches this season to become its highest Indian goal-scorer, and it is this performance graph that has driven Marquez to get in touch with Chhetri.

Excited

Vijayan, currently the head of the AIFF's technical committee, sounded excited when asked to share his views on Chhetri's return.

"You look at Roger Milla, who came out of retirement (at 38) to help Cameroon qualify for the quarterfinals of 1990 World Cup. Age is not a factor, what matters is fitness, and Sunil remains extremely fit and he is also playing very well," he said.

Marquez, who took over the reins after Chhetri''s retirement, has not any luck with his strikers as they have not really delivered.

Upcoming matches

Going ahead, the Blue Tigers will play a friendly match against Maldives on March 19 in preparation for the opening match of the AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027 Qualifiers Final Round against Bangladesh on March 25.

India has been placed in a qualifying group alongside Bangladesh, Hong Kong, and Singapore for the Asian Cup. In the tournament''s previous edition, India had a disappointing run, failing to progress past the group stage after losing all its matches.

Kerala Blasters stuns Mumbai City

Something to cheer about: Blasters finished with a win in their final home game. THULASI KAKKAT

ISL

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Kerala Blasters pulled off a stunning 1-0 win over defending champion Mumbai City in the ISL at the Nehru Stadium here on Friday with Ghanaian Kwame Peprah scoring the match-winner with a beauty early in the second half.

The win in its last home game, which brushed away the bitter memories of a poor season to some extent and helped Blasters climb a rung to ninth (28 points) in the league table, should now make life very difficult for Mumbai (seventh, 33 points).

Mumbai needs a point from its last match to make the playoffs, but it has a tough away game against an already-qualified Bengaluru FC next (March 11).

The match was a listless one for most part, but Peprah brought it to life with a superb goal in the 52nd minute. He won a forceful duel with Mumbai defender Thaer Krouma on the right inside the box and scored with a lovely angled shot which beat goalkeeper Phurba Lachenpa hands down.

Peprah could have added one more shortly after the hour mark, but his shot from the left went wide. And Noah Sadaoui, who replaced him in the 71st minute, was unfortunate to see his attempt hit the bar near the end.

With the clocking ticking fast, Mumbai turned desperate. Its best chance came in the final minute of injury time. But Blasters defender Bikash Yumnam smartly stopped Vikram's attempt near the goalline and the home side and the fans heaved a sigh of relief.

The result: Kerala Blasters 1 (Kwame Peprah 52) bt Mumbai City FC 0.

On a roll: Pranav is the fourth Indian after Anand, Harikrishna and Abhijeet Gupta to win World junior title. FIDE

Pranav is World junior champion

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V. Pranav is the World junior chess champion. He won the title after drawing his 11th and final round game with Matic Lavrencic of Slovenia at Petrovac (Montenegro).

The draw took Pranav's tally to nine points. He had begun the campaign as the second seed behind Daniel Dardha of Belgium.

Pranav, who has an Elo rating of 2615, is the fourth Indian to win the World junior title. Viswanathan Anand, in whose WestBridge Anand Chess Academy he is a trainee, was the first, in 1987. P. Harikrishna (2004) and Abhijeet Gupta (2008) are the others.

So the World junior title is coming back to India after a gap of 17 years. Last year, Divya Deshmukh had won the World junior girls' title.

Pranav had completed his Grandmaster title in 2022. Last year, he won the World under-18 crowns in both the blitz and rapid categories. Before that he had won the Challengers title in the Chennai Grand Masters in a strong field.

Pranav's is the latest of important World titles for Indian chess. The past few months have seen India win the twin gold at the Chess Olympiad and D. Gukesh being crowned as the youngest World champion in history.

Aravindh wins first major title

Job done: Aravindh played out a draw with Gurel in the final round. X@PRAGUECHESS

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India's dominance in chess continued with Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram winning the first major title of his career after finishing ahead of established names, including compatriot R. Praggnanandhaa at the Prague Masters here on Friday.

The 25-year-old Aravindh ended the tournament with a draw against Gurel Ediz of Turkey in the ninth and final round.

World No. 8 Praggnanandhaa finished tied second with five points after losing to Dutchman Anish Giri.

Tamil Nadu's Aravindh ended on six points out of a possible nine after his three victories and six draws.

Praggnanandhaa was tied along with Giri and top seed Wei Yi of China.

Divya Deshmukh won her final round game against Stamatis Kourkoulous-Arditis of Greece in the Challengers' section. Nodirbek Yakubboev of Uzbekistan and Jonas Buhk Bjerre of Denmark were tied for the top spot.

Important results: final round: Gurel Ediz (Tur, 4.5) drew with Aravindh Chithambaram (6); David Navara (Cze, 4) drew with Sam Shankland (USA, 4); Anish Giri (Ned, 5) bt R. Praggnanandhaa (5); Quang Liem Le (Vie, 4) drew with Wei Yi (Chn, 5).

Challengers: Divya Deshmukh (3) bt Stamatis Kourkoulous-Arditis (Gre, 3); Ma Qun (CHn, 5.5) bt Richard Stalmach (Cze, 3); Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb, 7) drew with Finek Vaclav (Cze, 4); Jonas Buhl Bjerre (Den, 7) bt Nemec Jychym (Cze, 2.5); Marc'andria Maurizzi (Fra, 6) w/o Ivan Salgado Lopez (Esp, 4).

Sicyon primed to deliver in feature

BENGALURU: Sicyon, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Maj. C. Newton-Davis Memorial Trophy (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (Mar 8). There will be no false rails.

1 KOYNA PLATE (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Jersey King (2) Suraj 60, 2. Metzinger (4) Akshay K 54.5, 3. Auspicious Queen (3) Trevor 54, 4. Golden Time (5) Koshi K 54 and 5. N R I Ace (1) Likith Appu 50.5.
1. JERSEY KING, 2. METZINGER

2 RAICHUR PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30: 1. Lorven's Glory (2) H. Chandragiri 62.5, 2. Channagide (1) Adarsh 61.5, 3. Royal Whisper (3) Darshan 61.5, 4. Southernaristocrat (10) Antony 61.5, 5. Amusing (11) Salman Khan 61, 6. Superhero (7) Akshay K 60.5, 7. Burning Arrow (6) M. Rajesh K 58, 8. Double Scotch (4) Md. Aliyar 58, 9. Southern Warrior (9) Afsar 57.5, 10. My Visionary (5) Jagadeesh 55.5 and 11. Quevega (8) B. Harish 55.5.
1. SUPERHERO, 2, SOUTHERNARISTOCRAT, 3. DOUBLE SCOTCH

3 MAHADAYI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Hasting Sunrise (9) S. Shareef 60, 2. Domina (5) Jagadeesh 57.5, 3. Step To Destiny (3) R. Pradeep 57.5, 4. Silver Swift (4) Antony 55.5, 5. Baltimore (1) Asirvatham 55, 6. Lady Godiva (7) Salman Khan 53.5, 7. Firefinch (8) Akshay K 52.5, 8. Ice Storm (2) M. Rajesh K 52.5 and 9. Estefania (6) Likith Appu 51.5.
1. DOMINA, 2. FIREFINCH, 3. BALTIMORE

4 ADICHUNCHANAGIRI PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Southern Force (7) L.A. Rozario 60, 2. Aherne (6) A. Ramu 59.5, 3. Lauterbrunnen (5) Suraj 59.5, 4. Super Marvella (3) Darshan 58, 5. Fortunatus (4) Jagadeesh 54.5, 6. Knotty Patton (1) Trevor 54.5, 7. Positivity (2) Siddaraju P 54.5, 8. Springsteen (8) Antony 54 and 9. Star Admiral (9) Koshi K 50.5.
1. KNOTTY PATTON, 2. SUPER MARVELLA, 3. STAR ADMIRAL

5 MAJ. C. NEWTON-DAVIS MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Darrington (5) L.A. Rozario 57, 2. Hyperdrive (3) Arvind K 57, 3. Ransomware (8) M. Rajesh K 57, 4. Sicyon (7) Trevor 57, 5. Striking Arrow (10) R. Pradeep 57, 6. Kiss Of Grey (4) Suraj 55.5, 7. Moon Star (1) Akshay K 55.5, 8. Out Into Spotlight (9) S. Shareef 55.5, 9. Rosaline (2) Antony 55.5 and 10. Silver Quest (6) Salman Khan 55.5.
1. SICYON, 2. MOON STAR, 3. KISS OF GREY

6 P.V. SHETTY MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-30: 1. Crosswater (2) Aleemuddin 60, 2. Power Of Beauty (7) Arvind K 60, 3. Corinthian (1) Trevor 59.5, 4. Invincible (9) Antony 58.5, 5. IL Volo (4) Salman Khan 58, 6. Finley (6) Suraj 56.5, 7. Disruptor (8) Darshan 56, 8. Sundance Kid (3) R. Pradeep 55 and 9. Scarlette Lady (5) Akshay K 52.5.
1. FINLEY, 2. CORINTHIAN, 3. CROSSWATER

7 MAHADAYI PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Smile Of Beauty (4) Trevor 62, 2. Vayu (3) P.P. Dhebe 61, 3. Ebotse (8) Aleemuddin 60, 4. Able One (6) Asirvatham 58.5, 5. Chisox (5) Pavan 58.5, 6. Acantha (7) Akshay K 58, 7. Star Comet (9) Rayan 58, 8. Rightly Noble (2) Suhas K 57, 9. Super Kind (1) R. Pradeep 56 and 10. Double Vision (10) Jagadeesh 53.5.
1. SMILE OF BEAUTY, 2. SUPER KIND, 3. DOUBLE VISION

8 RED FORT PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-30: 1. Lux Aeterna (7) Suraj 60, 2. Turkoman (1) Salman Khan 57.5, 3. Gandolfini (4) R. Pradeep 56.5, 4. Westlake (8) Antony 56.5, 5. Lorven Luv (10) Koshi K 55, 6. Martha (3) M. Rajesh K 55, 7. Transatlantic (11) B. Harish 55, 8. She's So Beautiful (2) A. Anamo Hangal 53.5, 9. Thrill Of Brazil (12) Jagadeesh 53.5, 10. Pettes Love (6) P.P. Dhebe 53, 11. Gismo (5) Vishwa V 52.5 and 12. Carter (9) Rayan 52.
1. LUX AETERNA, 2. GISMO, 3. WESTLAKE

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Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

Engineer brushes aside allegations of unfair advantage to India in the Champions Trophy

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

True to his witty personality, Farokh Engineer entered the Madras Cricket Club (MCC) banquet hall, where he was being felicitated on Friday, with a wisecrack.

Arriving on his mobility scooter, the 87-year-old said to the gathering at large: "Hi, I'm Farokh, and this is my Ferrari!" Excited murmurs turned into hearty laughs.

The mood remained light-hearted for the rest of the evening as Engineer entertained the audience with his humour-laden speech. Former India off-spinner S. Venkataraghavan and Indian tennis great Ramesh Krishnan graced the occasion.

Honoured: Farokh Engineer being presented the 'Cricketing Excellence award,' a cheque for ₹5 lakh, by Epson.

MCC member R. Mohan, Resident Editor (Chennai) - Deccan Chronicle, was the host for the evening. The event was sponsored by Epson and Kochar Homes. Epson presented the 'Cricketing Excellence award,' a cheque for ₹5 lakh, to Engineer.

Speaking to journalists after the event, Engineer said that India playing four spinners in ODIs is "wonderful" since it aligns with playing to the team's "strengths."

"Horses for courses. We are playing on turning wickets. So, I don't blame them for taking four spinners. And we've got class spinners like Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakaravarthy.

"Varun is a superb spinner. He reminds me of B. Chandrasekhar a lot. Chandrasekhar, for me, was the greatest Indian spinner, or the greatest Indian bowler there ever was. He was a match-winner," he added.

Asked if he thought India has had an undue advantage by playing only in Dubai in the ongoing Champions Trophy, he said: "I don't think that. This is all media talk and just hype. I think they (the critics) are just bad losers.

"Okay, we've had a slight advantage. But you shouldn't be talking and making a mountain out of a molehill. Yes, we've had less travelling to do, and we're playing on the same ground and all that, which is certainly an advantage. But not as huge an advantage as the critics are making it out to be. There is a slight advantage. Let's not deny that.

"But our team is playing really well. And I don't think this advantage or disadvantage matters, because we are a very good side capable of beating the best. I think if India picks two teams, the second team will also beat most teams in the world today. Such is the bench strength."

Speaking about the upcoming Sunday's Champions Trophy final between India and New Zealand, he said: "I'm fancying India to win it, but we shouldn't get too complacent. We're playing against a great international side. We've been playing very well. So, I'm pretty sure we'll come home with a cup."

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SHORT TERM RE-E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

Short Term e-Tenders are invited for the **Purchase of MRI Equipment to Trauma Care Centre, BMCRI, Bengaluru.** Tender Document and E.M.D., details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the KPP Portal. Interested tenderers have to register in the KPP Portal, details of which can be viewed in the Website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders Dt: 07-03-2025

Pre-Bid Meeting Dt: 11-03-2025 at 3.00 PM

Last date for Uploading the Tenders Dt: 14-03-2025 before 4.30 PM

Date of Opening of Technical Bid Dt: 17-03-2025 at 11.30 AM

For further details contact **Director of Medical Education, BMC&RI (Old Building), 1st Floor, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002.**

Sd/- Director
Directorate of Medical Education, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/5521/Adverto/2024-25

BANGALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(An Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka)
Office of the Director cum Dean, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002. Telephone: 080-26700810, Tele Fax: 080-26704342
E-mail: director_bmcri@yahoo.co.in

No: BMCRI/BLD/69/2024-25 **Dated: 06-03-2025**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The tenders has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 for the **Pest Control Services under Hospitals and Library Buildings of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru.**

The tender documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement Website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 10-03-2025** and Last Date for Submission of Tenders through e-Procurement Portal on **24-03-2025 upto 5.00 PM.** Those tenders which are not submitted with EMD will be rejected.

For further details contact **Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru.**

Sd/- Director cum Dean, BMCRI, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/5514/Adverto/2024-25

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL TAXES

Vanijya Therigegala Karyalaya-1, Gandhinagara, Bengaluru-560 009. Helpline Number: 080-22205239

No: JCCT/HRD/CR-12/2024-25 **Date: 28-02-2025**

NOTIFICATION

The Commercial Taxes Department has released five Video bytes to create awareness about the GST Amnesty Scheme. The tax payers and Stake holders to avail the benefit of GST Amnesty Scheme. The Applicants needs to file separate application for the financial years 2017-18, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 to make full payment of tax **before 31-03-2025.** The last date for filing application on the GST Online Portal is **30-06-2025.** The said five GST video bytes are hosted on the departmental website: **gst.kar.nic.in** and also YouTube address ctd.karnataka.

The trade bodies and stake holders are requested to watch and circulate the same among the trading community to create awareness regarding GST Amnesty Scheme.

Sd/-
Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, (Karnataka), Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/5405/MAA/2024-25

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-Tender Notification

This office letter No. 033/PB/TND/2024-25/4059/4976/
Dated : 06-03-2025

On 06-03-2025 through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal tender notification has been issued for the following Work Indent No. 17849, 10050, Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated: 14-03-2025 (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- N.N. PATIL
Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Haveri

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ನಂ.5, ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ. ಫೋ: 08192-264669
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: eebcddvg@yahoo.co.in

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ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ:- **No: No: EE/ KNNL/ BCD-5/DVG/PB.4/2701/2024-25/2532 Dt:07.03.2025**

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ರವರು, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 4701 ಭದ್ರಾ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ **ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ** ಮತ್ತು **ದ್ವೀ ಲಕೋಟೆ** ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ-ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದ್ದು, **ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.21.96 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ರೂ.57.35**ಲಕ್ಷಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ **ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು** ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ-ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ **ದಿ:07.03.2025** ರಿಂದ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ದಿ: **15-03-2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00** ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13-03-2025 **ರಂದು 4.00** ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, ಮತ್ತು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.03.2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.10** ಘಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :- 3 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳು.

ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗೀಕರೀಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ-ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/822/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024-25

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಕನೀನಿನಿ ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2024-25/5907 **DATE: 07/03/2025**

Short Term E-Tender Notification (Call-2 & Call-3)

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Retenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 3 works under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements, Amount put to tender is Rs. 80.00 Lakhs for each work.

Calendar of events:1)Last date for queries & clarifications : 21-03-2025 up to 5.30 PM, 2)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 25-03-2025 up to 5.00 PM, 3)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 27-03-2025 at 4.30 PM, 4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 5)If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from kppp.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1857/KSMCA/2024-25

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕು.ಕ. ಸೊಸೈಟಿ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೊಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ.
ಉತ್ತರ-ಕನ್ನಡ, ಕಾರವಾರ-581301

No. NHM/Manpower/ /24-25. **DATE: 07-03-2025.**

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ವಿಷಯ : **2025-26**ನೇ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಪರತ್ತಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಸಹಾಯಕರು, ಅಕೌಂಟ ಅಸಿಸ್ಟಂಟ್, ಡೇಟಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಗಣಕಯಂತ್ರ ಸಹಾಯಕರು, ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಎನ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ. ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವ ಕುರಿತು.

ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **2025-26**ನೇ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಪರತ್ತಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಹಾಗೂ ತಾಲೂಕಾ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಮೂನೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **07-03-2025** ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ **12:00** ಘಂಟೆಗೆ, ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **21-03-2025** ರ ಸಂಜೆ **05-30** ಘಂಟೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **08-04-2025** ರ ಸಂಜೆ **05-30** ಘಂಟೆಗೆ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **10-04-2025** ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **11-00** ಘಂಟೆಗೆ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **14-04-2025** ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **11-00** ಘಂಟೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ: ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆ.ಕು.ಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ, ಕಾರವಾರ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕು.ಕ. ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,
ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಕಾರವಾರ.

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/962/24-25 dt. 07.03.2025

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture(West), BBMP, No. 98, 8th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560 003.

No.SADH(W)/TENDER/09/2023-24 **Date:07.03.2025**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK KPP Portal only) (Single Cover System)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (West), invites tenders from eligible tenderers for providing the services detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Supply of STP water through tankers for parks, medians and circles in Malleshwaram Assembly Constituency. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 27,00,000/-** EMD : **Rs. 54,000/-** *(Reserved for Others Category).*
2.	Supply of STP water through tankers for parks, medians and circles in Gandhinagara Assembly Constituency. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 22,00,000/-** EMD : **Rs. 25,000/-** *(Reserved for ST Category).*
3	Supply of STP water through tankers for parks, medians and circles in Chamarajapete Assembly Constituency. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 9,00,000/-** EMD : **Rs. 22,500/-** *(Reserved for CAT-II(A) Category).*
4	Supply of STP water through tankers for parks, medians and circles in Rajajinagara Assembly Constituency. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 14,00,000/-** EMD : **Rs. 35,000/-** *(Reserved for Others Category).*
5	Supply of STP water through tankers for parks, medians and circles in Mahalakshmipuram Assembly Constituency. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 9,00,000/-** EMD : **Rs. 22,500/-** *(Reserved for Others Category).*
6	Supply of STP water through tankers for parks, medians and circles in Govindarajanagara Assembly Constituency. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 17,00,000/-** EMD : **Rs. 42,500/-** *(Reserved for Others Category).*

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal from **11.03.2025 onwards. 2)** Last date for submission of tenders: **19.03.2025 upto 4.30 p.m. 3)** Opening of Technical Bids: **21.03.2025 at 11.30 a.m. 4)** Opening of Financial Bids: **21.03.2025 after opening of Technical bid.** Further details can be accessed from KPPPortal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (West)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owner Mrs. SUSAN ARORA, D/o Albert Jossy Rego.

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication, failing which our client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Site Nos 60 & 61 formed in New Sy.No.99, Old Sy.No.112/113, BBMP Ward No.25, having New BBMP PID No. 3859253335 of Horamavu Agara Village, "DIVYA UNNATHI LAYOUT", K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru measuring East to West 80 Feet, North to South 120 Feet, totally measuring 9600 Sq.Ft and bounded on the

East by: 30 Feet wide Road **West by:** Site No.68 & 69 **North by:** Site No.62 Sy.No.26/2 belonged to Leelavathi **South by:** 30 Feet wide Road.

Sd/- AKHILA ASSOCIATES (Advocates) No.83, First Floor, Cropexium, Service Road, Karthiknagar, Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037. Ph. 9741300393 / 7624808373

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owner Mrs. CHAYA GOWRISHANKAR, W/o B.R. Gowrishankar.

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which our client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of 0.08 Guntas of converted land comprised in Sy.No.26/2 of Uttarahalli Manvarthekaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru and bounded on the

East by: Land belonging to Maheshappa **West by:** Land comprised in Sy.No.25 & BDA Road **North by:** Land comprosed in Sy.No.26/2 belonged to Leelavathi **South by:** Road provided by the previous vendor and the remaining land in Sy.no.26/2.

Sd/- AKHILA ASSOCIATES (Advocates) No.83, First Floor, Cropexium, Service Road, Karthiknagar, Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037. Ph. 9741300393 / 7624808373

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ - ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ

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Real Sociedad fights back to hold Manchester United

Andre Onana makes two excellent saves to keep the visitor alive for the second leg; Alkmaar gets the better of Tottenham; Roma edges Bilbao

EUROPA LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Manchester United drew 1-1 away to Real Sociedad in the first leg of its Europa League last-16 tie on Thursday, while Tottenham suffered a 1-0 loss at Dutch side AZ Alkmaar.

Joshua Zirkzee drilled in from just outside the area to give United the lead on 57 minutes in San Sebastian but Mikel Oyarzabal levelled from the spot after Bruno Fernandes was punished for a handball.

Zirkzee cut a distraught figure after missing the decisive penalty in last week's FA Cup shootout loss to Fulham and has endured a testing first season at United, whose only remaining hope of silverware is in the Europa League.

He scored for the first time in Europe this term, unleashing a sharp low drive from 20 yards after being teed up by Alejandro Garnacho's inviting pass.

But Ruben Amorim's side could not hold on to its advantage as Fernandes handled at a corner, with Oyarzabal confidently converting his spot-kick.

Andre Onana made two excellent saves to keep United level as Real Sociedad pressed for a winner, leaving the tie evenly poised ahead of next week's second leg.

Lucas Bergvall's first-half own goal condemned Spurs to defeat in the Netherlands, and it could have been worse for Ange Postecoglou's side were it not for three fine stops from Guglielmo Vicario.

To compound Tottenham's misery, striker Dominic Solanke hobbled off after 20 minutes as he made his return from seven weeks out with a knee injury.

Calmly done: Oyarzabal rolls in Sociedad's equaliser from the spot against Manchester United. GETTY IMAGES

Important results (last 16, first leg): AZ Alkmaar 1 (Bergvall 18-og) bt Tottenham 0.

Real Sociedad 1 (Oyarzabal 70-pen) drew with Manchester United 1 (Zirkzee 57).

Roma 2 (Angelino 56, Shomurodov 90+4) bt Athletic Bilbao 1 (I. Williams 50).

Ajax 1 (Brobbey 10) lost to Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Larsson 27, Skhiri 70).

'Target Olympic Medal' scheme envisaged for 60 talented sportspersons, to get incentives

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced on Friday as part of his Budget speech that International-level sportspersons will be given 25% relaxation, and National- and State-level sportspersons 15%, in annual attendance in schools and colleges to help them train and participate in sports events.

Those winning medals in National and International competitions will be given 5% weightage in marks for admission into professional courses, he stated.

A 'Target Olympic Medal' scheme has also been envisaged wherein 60 talented sportspersons from Karnataka will be given an incentive of ₹10 lakh per annum for three years to prepare for the 2028 Los Angeles Games. An amount of ₹6 crore has been earmarked for the current year.

There were allocations to the tune of ₹3 crore over the next three years for shooting ranges in the district stadiums of the four division headquarters.

Two new sports science centres are to be set up in Mysuru and Belagavi with a total outlay of ₹7 crore.

A district stadium, spread over 20 acres in Adinarayana Hosahalli, Bengaluru Rural district, and a modern cycling velodrome at a cost ₹5 crore have been sanctioned. District stadiums in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi will be developed at a expense of ₹3 crore each.

There is also a proposal to set up taluk stadiums at ₹2 crore each across 12 taluk headquarters where land is available. A sum of ₹12 crore will be provided this year.

Grants up to ₹5 lakh each will be provided to 100 schools for construction of playgrounds in collaboration with the MGNREGA scheme.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Vishwanath's all-round effort in vain

H.K. Vishwanath's all-round effort (54 & 3/24) went in vain as RV Engineering College Gymkhana lost to Neptune CC by four wickets in the KSCA (Group I) third division league.

The scores: Jolly Cricketers 245/8 in 50 overs (Kushal R. Katara 63, Mohammed Azharuddin 67, Abhilash Fernandes 43, Rajath Kini 3/61) bt FUCC (2) 202 in 42.3 overs (Aman Kamal 29, Akhil Balachandra 78).

RV EC Gymkhana 147 in 46 overs (M.A. Adarsh 40, H.K. Vishwanath 54, K.H. Manoj 3/24, N. Bharath 3/18) lost to Neptune 151/6 in 33 overs (Rayan Ahmed 46, Suneel Raju 36 n.o., H.K. Vishwanath 3/24).

BEL Colony 98 in 28.3 overs (Mohammed Muqeeb 30, K.C. Cariappa 3/23, Syed Khaja Moinuddin 3/37) lost to Palar, Kolar 102/1 in 15.3 overs (C.R. Aiyappa 59 n.o., S. Abhijit 25 n.o.).

Raghu slams century

S. Raghu top-scored with 129 as Vivekananda Union thrashed Government Arts College by 338 runs in the KSCA (Group I) fifth division league.

The scores: Star Cricketers XI 143 in 20.5 overs (A.R. Harsha 28, Sandeep Ganganna 29, Siddana Gouda 5/63, Kashish Bahuguna 5/30) lost to Royal, Chinthamani 145/6 in 22 overs (Rane Karumbaiah 42, G. Prasanna 3/30).

SJ Polytechnic 123 in 26 overs (R. Vishruth Gowda 36, A. Narendrababu 3/35, M. Dhruva 3/15) lost to Johnson 124/2 in 13.1 overs (M. Dhruva 40 n.o., Yashash S. Rao 48 n.o.).

Vivekananda Union 378 in 45.2 overs (S. Raghu 129, Kailashnath 90, Guruprasad Swamy 42, Prajwal S.S. Reddy 5/68) bt Government Arts College 40 in 14.2 overs (S. Vinay 3/4, Prajwal 4/12).

Canara Union 83 in 26.5 overs (M. Mohammad Asif Ansari 5/29) lost to Jaihind 84/4 in 17.4 overs (Aditya Iyer 25, S.V. Amar 3/32).

Match drawn

Sree Gajanana FC and Vijaya Nagara FC played out a 1-1 draw in the BDFA UrbanRise A-division league football on Friday.

The results: A-div.: RWF 0 drew with FC Deccan 0; Sree Gajanana 1 (Jones Muthuraj 36) drew with Vijaya Nagara 1 (S.G. Anthony Clinton 55).

C-div.: Indira Nagar bt Sun Rise 2-0; Queens Star bt Excelsiors 5-0.

Federation Cup wrestling begins today at Jalandhar

Sports Bureau

The stand-off between the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and Railways Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) over the participation of the wrestlers employed with the Railways, due to the withdrawal of Government recognition to the WFI, is heading to an end with more than 10 of them participating in the Federation Cup, starting at the Lovely Professional University campus at Jalandhar on Saturday.

After missing the National championships in Bengaluru in December and the National Games this year, several top Railways wrestlers, including Paris Olympian Antim Panghal (women's 53kg), World under-23 bronze medallist Sagar Jaglan (freestyle 86kg), Sujeet Kalkal (FS 65kg), Yash Tushir (FS 74kg), Vishal Kaliraman (FS 65kg), Kuldeep Malik (GR 72kg) and Viresh Kundu (GR 130kg), have entered their names from their respective states for the Federation Cup.

The two-day event will be one of the two competitions (the other being the Nationals) from which medallists will earn eligibility to take part in the trials for the Asian championships, scheduled in Amman from March 25 to 30.

The Asian event assumes importance as it opens the doors for participation in the World championships, scheduled in Zagreb from September 13 to 21.

Indian wrestlers have already missed two Ranking events in Zagreb and Tirana this year due to the lack of Government recognition to the WFI. This has denied them chances to gather valuable world ranking points, which are crucial to get seeding in elite events including the World championships.

Altogether 424 wrestlers from 21 states have sent their entries for the Federation Cup.

Thangaraja wins the Ahmedabad Open

Big prize: Thangaraja with his reward for his facile victory. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

GOLF

Sports Bureau

Sri Lankan N. Thangaraja clinched the title with a five-shot margin over Yashas Chandra in the ₹1 crore Ahmedabad Open golf championship at the Kensville Golf and Country Club on Friday.

The 43-year-old Thangaraja, who played a steady fourth round of one-over 73, had an overall eight-under 280 for his fifth title in the PGTI that fetched him a cheque of ₹15 lakh.

Yashas Chandra also had a last round of 73 as he finished runner-up with three-under 285, in collecting a prize of ₹10 lakh.

Michele Ortolani of Italy was the sole third with his two-under 286 following a par round on the fourth day. He pocketed ₹5,99,800.

Solid start

"I made a solid start. When the gap between myself and the rest continued to widen, I looked to play regulation golf, trying to hit most fairways and greens. After the front-nine, I was quite confident of victory," said Thangaraja, whose last title had come in 2023.

Shooting League gets dates from ISSF

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The inaugural Shooting League of India (SLI) has been allotted dates from November 24 to December 7 by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

Kalikesh Singh Deo, president, National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), said that the official recognition of the event by the ISSF would ensure a world class competition.

"We hope to attract most top shooters to the league, as India has a strong profile in the sport globally. A lot of work is going on behind the scenes and this allotment of dates motivates us further to deliver one of the best ever shooting events," he said.

NRAI had earlier announced that Elena Norman would be the consultant for the league and New Horizons Alliance Pvt. Limited would the commercial and marketing agency.

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